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**Woman's Missionary Union
Celebrating A Century In Missions**

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FOREWARD

The Johnston Baptist Woman's Missionary Union presents this history in commemoration of a century of doing God's work in missions. A history is in print of the first seventy years of associational WMU work. This current history will continue from 1972 to 2003. As in the past, we have had many capable leaders during this current thirty years who have led our ladies in many activities and achievements.

A committee was formed from associational WMU ladies, and many hours of reviewing annual meeting reports and researching data have gone into compiling this report. It is with great pride and humility that this book is produced.

"WMU – A Century in Missions" is dedicated to all the women of Johnston Baptist Association who, through their leadership, devotion and dedication have helped make their homes, their local churches and their Association effective in carrying out the mission program of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Also, we dedicate this book to our Directors of Missions during this thirty years, which were: Mr. R. W. Moore, Mr. Clyde L. Davis, Mr. Horace Ricks, and currently Mr. Kelton Hinton. We thank you for your support.

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Background

WMU – Celebrating a Century in Missions! This historic moment took place on November 20, 1903, at the Selma Baptist Church. Brother C. W. Blanchard encouraged a WMU to be organized. This followed three days of organizing the Johnston County Baptist Association.

This history of Johnston Baptist WMU presents a remarkable record of achievement during its first seventy years and is recorded in a publication called “Three Score & Ten Years” written by the late Mrs. Leata Allen Barnes from Clayton.

With three Charter Societies – Selma, Smithfield, and Clayton, the WMU launched forth in a program of enlistment, mission study and mission giving. The first annual meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, November 10, 1904, in the Methodist Church of Clayton, while the Johnston County Baptist Association was meeting in the Baptist Church in Clayton.

By the fourth annual meeting other churches to join the Society were Benson, Mount Moriah, Clyde’s Chapel, Baptist Center, Four Oaks, Lee’s Chapel, Wilson’s Mills, Micro and Pisgah. Until the fifth annual meeting, the meeting was held in conjunction with the Johnston County Baptist Association annual meeting, but at this time it was decided to meet separately, thus giving more time to review and plan work. We also had a more comfortable place to meet and attendance increased. By 1912 twenty-one Societies had been organized and Mrs. C. W. Carter was the Vice-President.

During the next fourteen years, under the leadership of Mrs. B. A. Hocutt (Miss Lucile) we were introduced to reporting, quarterly meetings, seasons of prayer, State, Home and Foreign missions, systematic giving by use of envelopes, mission study classes, leadership training, mission literature, calendar of prayer, circles, Baptist World Alliance, tithing and the events of World War I.

By 1935 missionary education of young people in all churches was beginning to be organized. Programs organized were Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors, Girls Auxiliary, and Young Womens Auxiliary. Due to an epidemic of Infantile Paralysis a period of activities was curtailed.

During the years of World War II, many changes took place. Women had begun to work in the factories and other businesses, contributing to the welfare of the country, but we had not neglected our mission program. In 1949, Johnston led the State in number of new Societies. Associational leaders for each junior organization began.

In 1955, Mrs. Mitchner’s husband passed away. In his memory she gave \$1,000 to the association to be used as a student loan fund. This money had been wisely invested. In 1999, the Scholarship Committee, Ramona Cash, Evelyn Garris and Beebe Parker, asked Mr. Frank Holding, through the Robert P. Holding Foundation, to match the funds and help us start an endowment.

When Charles & Bonnie Wiggs were appointed missionaries to Korea, Mr. Wiggs challenged the Johnston WMU to send a lay representative to Korea to view the mission work first hand and to be a guest in the Wiggs home. Each WMU was given the opportunity to nominate a person and to contribute financially. A committee selected Mrs. Loeta Powell, (the Iris lady) of Princeton. This was the first time our associational WMU had sent an “ambassador” to the foreign field.

During the first seventy years of the one-hundred years, thirteen consecrated women of Johnston Baptist Association WMU have led its women and children in Bible study, in prayer and in giving for the cause of missions.

1972-1973 Mrs. R. W. Moore

At the untimely death of Mrs. R. E. Moore, the Director, Mrs. L. R. Stanley assumed her duties when asked to do so by the nominating committee. Mrs. Moore had met with the WMU Executive Committee on the day of her accident and had laid the plans for the year 1973 - 1974.

Completed 1972-1973 - 1973-1979 Mrs. L. R. Stanley

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. E. Moore, the Associational WMU accepted and fulfilled its responsibility to the Baptist women and girls of the Johnston Association. She held regular quarterly meetings of the Council and officers attended the State Workshops, bringing back valuable leadership material, and presenting it at our Leadership Conferences.

All meetings were planned and executed for the growth of Christian women and girls. The association will receive the Distinguished Award at the State Convention for achievement. We are thankful for the leadership of Mrs. Moore with the aid of her husband and all the officers of the organization.

The 1973-1974 year began with the Associational Leadership Workshop being held in September at Sharon Baptist Church followed by World Day of Prayer at Four Oaks Baptist Church in November. The Johnston WMU women voiced and acted in the defeat of liquor by the drink in North Carolina.

WMU Focus Week in February was observed with five women speaking on Morning Devotionals on a local radio station. Baptist Young Women and Men held a joint dinner and inspirational meeting at Lee's Chapel. All age level directors held associational meetings for respective age level groups.

The Associational WMU met at Clayton First Baptist Church and as an added interest each church brought Arts and Crafts for sharing ideas and enjoyment. Sarah Ann Hobbs, from the State office, and Mrs. J. L. Thomas spoke. WMU members wrote letters to Representatives in the General Assembly regarding Obscene Literature and the bill was passed as Christian Action League recommended.

Eleven age level Directors attended a workshop at Mundo Vista and held workshops at Lee's Chapel Baptist Church and Trinity Baptist Church for 1974-75 officers, leaders and other interested persons.

The Associational WMU was presented the Distinguished Award which represents the highest level of work suggested by Southern Baptist WMU Leadership.

The 1974-1975 year started with our World Day of Prayer held at Selma Baptist Church under the leadership of our Associate Director, Mrs. Jerry Wood. A very spiritual meeting was held with Mrs. J. Winston Pearce setting the mood with a dynamic challenging message.

WMU Focus Week was observed with five devotional programs presented by five women on a local radio station.

On March 1st, the Baptist Young Women and Men met together at Baptist Center with Miss B. Jaye Bunn, BYW leader and Mr. Edison temple leading. Miss Nancy Curtis, State BYW Director, and Miss Debbie Tippett, who served under the Home Mission Board, working with Indians in New Mexico last summer, presented challenges to those attending.

The annual Acteens meeting under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Barry, was held at Live Oak in April with Mr. and Mrs. Manget Herrin, missionary couple presenting slides and talks to the large group of girls and leaders attending.

The Annual WMU meeting was held in April at Antioch with over 250 women in attendance. Miss Kathryn Bullard, State Director of Baptist Women and Rev. John Ryberg, pastor of Smithfield First Baptist brought challenging messages.

A sleepover for older GA's was held in Four Oaks, May 2 under the direction of Miss Nancy Daughtry, GA Director. The Younger GA's held a supper meeting at Bethesda with Miss Debbie Tippett as speaker. The annual meeting for Mission Friends was held at Middlesex in May with Miss Shelia Thomas and Miss Jean Raines directing the activities.

The Associational WMU Council met quarterly for business and fellowship. Eighteen members from the Associational WMU attended WMU week at Ridgecrest.

Our 1975-1976 annual Leadership Conference was held at First Baptist Church in Smithfield in September. The very rainy night did not dampen the enthusiasm of the women who attended, and excellent workshops were provided plus a special time of commitment.

World Day of Prayer was observed on the first Monday in November under the direction of our Mission support Director, Miss Millie Norris. About 100 women attended this special night at Sharon Baptist Church in Smithfield. In February, WMU Focus Week was observed by the presentation of morning devotions on the local Radio Station led by five of our leaders.

The Baptist Young Women and Men met together at Corinth Church under the direction of Miss B. Jaye Bunn and Mr. Ben Parker. Charles and Bonnie Wiggs, Missionaries to Korea home on furlough, brought messages of inspiration and concern. At each of the age level group meetings, the women of each church prepared a delicious meal for us.

The Acteens under the leadership of Mrs. Lynn Barry held a very interesting and good meeting at Parrish Memorial with a 'Question and Answer' program under the direction of the officers. The older GA's under the direction of Mrs. Billy Blackmon had an inspiring and happy time at Carter's Chapel Church. Songs, stories and creative crafts were enjoyed by those attending.

Charles and Bonnie Wiggs were our speakers at our annual WMU meeting. Mrs. Hortense Wilkins, sister of Charles, presented Bonnie, and Rev. John Ryberg presented Charles. A love offering was taken and presented to them.

The WMU Council met each quarter for business and Christian fellowship. Ten women attended WMU week at Ridgecrest. Four attended Foreign Mission Week. Ten associational leaders attended the WMU conference for leaders at Mundo Vista. Ten Associational leaders attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Virginia and three BYW members from the First Baptist Church of Smithfield attended the Kaleidoscope at Virginia Beach.

At the beginning of the 1976-1977 year, the members of the council who led conferences at our Associational Leadership Workshop went to Mundo Vista to prepare themselves for that workshop. One hundred fifteen women from various churches attended this workshop which was held at Sharon Church in Smithfield. The World Day of Prayer was observed in November at Smithfield First Baptist, and Mrs. Winston Pearce was our speaker.

All age level meetings were well attended, the Mission Friends met at Sardis, the older GA's met at Clyde's Chapel with Beth McLeod sharing her Christian testimony with the girls. Acteens met at First Baptist in Smithfield with Emily Hill speaking on her experiences and the Younger GA's met at Pisgah. The Annual WMU meeting was held at Selma Baptist with over 200 women in attendance, and Mrs. Pearce again challenged and inspired us to serve God with out best.

Our 1977-1978 year started off with the Associational leaders attending the leadership conference at Mundo Vista in preparation for the Associational

Leadership Conference held at Pisgah with over 100 in attendance. In preparation for spiritual renewal we entered our Bold Mission Program with an Associational prayer retreat at the Clayton Church in October with Miss Martha Franks, retired missionary to China and Taiwan conducting this retreat, and there were 200 women and men in attendance.

In November we observed World Day of Prayer at Pleasant Grove Church with Mrs. William (Nancy) Hern as our speaker. All age level meetings were well attended with excellent programs, speakers and participation on the part of the younger children at their meetings. The Annual meeting was held at Hephzibah with an attendance of approximately 200 and Nancy Hern was our speaker. Please pray for Woman's Missionary Union of our association and its work. It is our desire to be a vital part of the kingdom's work in our area knowing that it is good, God will magnify and bless it and use it to His glory to the ends of the earth.

The 1978-1979 year began with the trip to Mundo Vista for the Associational Leaders, and the Associational Leadership Conference was held at Sardis Church with about 100 present. In November we observed the World Day of Prayer at Hocutt Memorial Church in Clayton. The program was planned by Shirley Byrd and Millie Norris. Mrs. Thomas Small, a missionary to Zambia was our speaker with a challenging message on being faithful in prayer.

All age level groups held meetings with excellent programs and good attendance. Our annual WMU meeting was held at Smithfield First Baptist with an attendance of over 200. Lillian Isaacs, missionary with the Home Mission Board was the speaker. She and her husband were in Alaska 12 years working with the Literacy program. She has taught many people to read, including a 100 year old woman.

1979-1980 Mrs. Doc Oliver

During the 1979-1980 year, the associational council met on a regular basis at the associational office. The Leadership Conference at Mundo Vista was attended by the associational officers, who held a training meeting for officers in the churches.

The speaker for the World Day of Prayer was Mrs. Troy Bennett, who serves as a missionary to Zambia. An offering was taken and sent to the Baptist World Alliance. Each of the age-level groups held meetings for their organizations, with good attendance. The annual meeting was held at Newton Grove. Charles Wiggs, our missionary in Korea was the featured speaker. Bonnie Wiggs, his wife, installed the new officers. Over two hundred (200) women attended the meeting. An offering was taken and was used to purchase Baptist Hymnals to be sent to St. Vincent Island where Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Moore are serving as volunteer missionaries.

Mrs. Oliver thanked everyone for allowing her to serve for the past six (6) years as the associational director. As she departs, Jan Barry will accept this responsibility.

1980-1981 – 1983/1984 - Jan Barry

The 1980-1981 year began with 100% attendance of the leadership teams at the associational workshop at Mundo Vista. The Johnston Baptist Associational WMU was the only association in North Carolina reporting a WMU program in every church. The J.B.A. Associational training was held at Smithfield First.

Former missionary to Alaska, Mrs. Isaacs, spoke at the Baptist Woman's World Day of Prayer meeting in Benson. An offering was taken for the Baptist Women Alliance. Mrs. Isaacs spent a week in the association teaching a Laubach Literacy Workshop. She was assisted by Mrs. Cornman from Augusta, Georgia. Sixteen persons received diplomas for their study.

Retired 80 year old missionary, Miss Franks, led the prayer retreat held at the Princeton Baptist Church in May.

At the annual WMU meeting an offering was taken for the speaker, Bee Bee Thornton, a Johnston Association girl. She is a volunteer working with the Indians in New Mexico. The associational WMU received the Distinguished Achievement Award.

The 1981-1982 emphasis was Life Changing Commitments, and the watchword was Isaiah 6:8. The associational leadership team attended training in Tarboro and later had training for WMU leaders in the J.B.A.

Two studies of the new manuals were held, one on October 1 at Hocutt Memorial and one September 26 at Hephzibah.

Over 200 attended the Girls in Action Mother-Daughter dinner held March 13 at Benson. Tim Russell, a student at Southeastern spoke about his work as a US-2 worker in Oklahoma City.

The B.Y.W. meeting was held March 20 at Shiloh. Jean Hinton reported on the West Virginia mission work by a group from Princeton and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore told of their volunteer work in Germany.

The Acteen meeting was held April 1 at Watkin's Chapel. Janet Hinton told of her mission activities in New York.

On May 8, a missions fair was hosted at Thanksgiving for the Mission Friends.

The Annual WMU meeting was April 17, at Hocutt Memorial. The speaker was Mrs. Joe (Faye) Barrow, a Missionary in Kenya, Africa. The offering was given to Kelton Hinton to buy a guitar for his work in Togo, where he will be sent as part of BSU ministries from U.N.C.

The associational WMU achieved the "Distinguished Award" again this year. This is the highest honor for achievement presented for WMU work.

To begin the new year the council hosted a brunch in June for all associational WMU Directors and introduced the theme for the year, "Life-changing Accountability". The 1982-1983 Leadership conference in September held at Wilson's Mills, followed state meetings at Ridgecrest and Rocky Mount.

The World Day of Prayer was November 1 at Bethesda. Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Wellman, Missionaries serving in the Caribbean, were the speakers.

The following rallies were held for age-level groups: Mission Friends rally was held at Lee's Chapel on March 26; Girls in Action met at Hocutt Memorial on March 12. Kerry Smith, a student at Campbell, was the speaker; Benson Grove hosted the Acteen meeting May 12. Johanna Wood told of mission work her group from N. C. State had done in Kentucky.

The WMU annual meeting was held at Bethany, April 16. Mrs. Susie Stroud, a Korean who now lives in Reidsville, was the mission speaker. The Association was once again presented the "Distinguished Award" certificate. On May 14, Shirley Byrd, Baptist Women Director, led in a study of the Baptist Woman's Manual at the Clemmons State Park near Clayton.

The fourth year, 1983-1984, began with the council going to Tarboro during August for training. The leadership conference was held at Sharon with 100 present. The offering was sent to the Women's Prison for Christmas Gifts.

In November, the World Day of Prayer was at Pisgah. Bonnie Wiggs, a Korean missionary, was the speaker.

The Girls in Action and Acteens held a joint meeting during the World Missions Conference. Twenty foreign and home missionaries shared their experiences.

The Mission Friends and their Leaders and the B.Y.W. Director hosted a brunch at the Associational building. Pat Richie, the State Mission Friends and the B.Y.W. leader gave the program.

The annual W.M.U. meeting was held at Live Oak. Charles and Bonnie Wiggs, missionaries on furlough from Korea were the speakers.

1984/1985 – 1990/1991 - Jean Hinton

During the 1984-1985 year the council met quarterly. Council members received twenty-two (22) study course awards with one completing the Associational Leadership in WMU. A newsletter was mailed quarterly to all the churches, as well as news in the *JBA Messenger*.

Leadership training was held in two sessions. One session was at Wilson's Mills Baptist Church and the second session was at Smithfield First. We had a total of one hundred thirty-two (132) attending with forty-seven (47) receiving study course awards. We collected \$89.17 for Christmas gifts for the Women's Prison in Raleigh.

World Day of Prayer was held on November 5, 1984, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Our speaker was Kelton Hinton.

A Mission Support Lab was conducted in Kinston in November. This was led by our state leaders and invited guests from across the state. We had nine (9) from our Association in attendance.

The age-level rallies were held in the spring. Acteens had a banquet at Benson Baptist Church in March. The Baptist Young Women met at Bethany Baptist Church. The G.A.'s met in April at Lee's Chapel Baptist Church. Mission Friends had their Day Camp at Bethesda Baptist Church in May.

A Literacy Workshop was held in April with Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hern leading the workshop. The annual meeting was held at Parrish Memorial Baptist Church with one hundred seventy-five (175) attending. Our speaker was Mrs. Loni Romine, a Japanese, who lives in Swansboro. The kick-off for our Centennial celebration in 1986 was shared by Jan Barry and Eunice Hinnant. A love gift was taken to be shared with the Migrant Mission and for the lead machine that is being used at Tri-County Health Center to detect high lead levels in migrant children.

The annual Prayer Retreat was held at Caraway in June. Sally McCallum from Wilmington led in the overnight retreat. The council met quarterly during the 1985-1986 year. We had twenty-six (26) study course awards received toward the associational W.M.U. diplomas. A newsletter was sent quarterly and news was published in the Johnston Association Newsletter.

We had nine (9) council members to attend leadership training in Kinston.

These ladies led an associational training session with one hundred nine (109) attending. We collected \$116.39 for Christmas gifts for the Women's Prison in Raleigh.

World Day of Prayer was held November 4, 1985, at Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church. We had one hundred twenty-seven (127) attending. Mrs. Sally MacCallum was our speaker.

On January 8, 1986 we celebrated North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union 100th birthday. The churches celebrated by having birthday parties, prayer retreats and 100 days of prayer.

The Baptist Young Women met at Sardis Baptist Church on February 15, 1986. Gail Cagle presided. The program consisted of special music from Sardis, and Keith and Debbie Whitner from the Seminary led the mission emphasis. Six (6) churches were represented with fifty (50) people attending.

Acteens led by Waynelle Davis had a Prayer Retreat in March with forty (40) in attendance. The G.A.'s met at Selma Baptist Church on April 12, 1986, with one hundred (100) in attendance. Those sharing the responsibility with Gayle Bizzell were Lynn Scott, Sue Etheridge, and Bonnie Price. We had thirteen (13) churches represented.

Mission Friends had a Day Camp on May 17, 1986, at Pauline Baptist Church. Diane Heritage led this event.

We held our first Brotherhood/W.M.U. Banquet on April 13, 1986, at Smithfield Junior High Cafeteria. We had a fashion show and Miss Fannie E. S. Heck was portrayed by Mrs. Robin Boone from Swansboro. Lawrence Stewart was the guest speaker. He is pastor of the church in West Virginia helped by churches in our association. Music was presented by Bonnie and Marty Green. We had two hundred twenty-five (225) in attendance.

The State Convention was held April 17-19 in Raleigh. Eight (8) from our council attending the meeting and the dinner celebrating the centennial year.

Our Annual W.M.U. meeting was held at Sharon Baptist Church on May 6, 1986. Clifford Scarborough from Wake Forest was guest speaker. Our theme was "Whosoever..In His Name." Our churches are becoming more involved in missions.

Johnston Baptist Association W.M.U. was recognized for the second year as a distinguished organization.

In 1986-1987 the Council met quarterly. We received fourteen (14) study course awards toward associational W.M.U. diplomas. The newsletter was sent quarterly to the churches and also news was communicated through the *Johnston Messenger*. Council members attended leadership training in Kinston. These ladies then led our associational training at Smithfield First Baptist Church with one hundred four (104) in attendance, and an offering of \$95 was taken for Women's Prison in Raleigh for Christmas. Manual study was offered for all ages on September 28, 1986,

at White Oak Baptist Church . We had forty-eight (48) persons completing the study and receiving study course awards.

The World Day of Prayer was held at Four Oaks Baptist Church with one hundred forty (140) in attendance. We collected \$148 for Baptist World Alliance. Our speaker was Mrs. Paul Earley, retired missionary to the Bahamas.

The Baptist Young Women met at Trinity Baptist Church on March 21, 1987, with twenty-five (25) in attendance. The guest speaker was Margaret Fairburn who spoke on "Gifted Women I Have Known." Acteens met at Lee's Chapel Baptist Church on March 28, 1987 with sixty-three (63) in attendance. Judy Hales was the guest speaker. The G. A.'s met on April 25, 1987 at Smithfield First Baptist Church. They had eighty-five (85) attending. Cecil Bryant and The Good News Puppets had part on the program. They collected \$37 to buy Gospels of John for the Migrant Ministry. Mission Friends Day Camp was May 16, 1987 at Antioch Baptist Church. The clown ministry from Clyde's Chapel Baptist Church was on the program.

The Associational W.M.U. sponsored a Mission Fair which was held at Pisgah Baptist Church on May 3, 1987. The theme was "Multiply the Vision." There were activities on the church grounds, fellowship hall and church. There were clowns, singing groups, video tapes, artifacts from four countries. At the close of the day, balloons, with missionary kid's names, were released. The jail ministry booth raised money for world hunger.

The second Brotherhood/W.M.U. Banquet was held on May 5, 1987, at Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton. Rev. Lawrence Stewart from West Virginia spoke on the crusade to be held the last of August/first of September. Richard Holbrook from Caswell shared the needs and accomplishments at the Baptist Assembly. It was decided that the banquet would be the responsibility of the Missions Department in the future. There were two hundred fifteen (215) present. Vern Sullivan provided the special music.

The Annual W.M.U. meeting was held on April 14, 1987, at Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church. Mrs. Edward Gordon , missionary to the Philippines, was the guest speaker.

Mission accomplishments for this year were: 1,200 health kits, held Backyard Bible Clubs, had worship services, gave baby shower, served Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, and did several prison ministry projects.

The following churches were recognized as having a standard W.M.U.: Benson, Faith, and Watkin's Chapel. Recognized as Distinguished organizations were: Bethesda, Clayton, Hocutt Memorial, Princeton, Thanksgiving and Wilson's Mills. Also, the Johnston Baptist Association W.M.U. was recognized for the third year as a distinguished organization.

The W.M.U. Council met quarterly during the 1987-88 year. A newsletter was sent quarterly. On September 21, 1987, we held our Leadership Training at Smithfield First Baptist Church. Our offering of \$68.84 was used for the Women's Prison in Raleigh ministry. The Prayer Retreat was held on October 24, 1987, at Clemmons State Park. Mrs. Frankie Bean of Nashville led us in worship and prayer. World Day of Prayer was held on November 2, 1987, at Parrish Memorial Baptist Church. We were led by Dean Sweatman, foreign missionary to Zambia.

The manual "Baptist Young Women" was taught by Gail Cagle and Denise Cooke in September. There had six (6) presidents in attendance. Baptist Tabernacle Baptist Church hosted the Baptist Young Women Annual meeting on March 26, 1988, with twenty-five (25) present. In September, the Acteens held their leadership training with eight leaders present. On March 12, 1988, the Acteen Rally was held at Burnell Baptist Church with forty-nine (49) people attending. The speaker was Ann Rains of Raleigh. An offering of \$53.11 was taken to purchase scriptures to be used in the migrant ministry. The G.A. Rally was held April 23, 1988, at Crestwood Baptist Church with over one hundred (100) attending. Clowns from Sharon Baptist Church and Iris Wilkins from Smithfield First were on the program. The Mission Friends Rally was held at First Baptist Church, Mirco, on May 7, 1988.

The annual meeting was held on April 19, 1988, at Hephzibah Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wayne Rowbottem from Trinidad was our speaker. Churches being recognized for their work in 1987-88 were: Standard Recognition – Benson Baptist Church and Watkin's Chapel Baptist Church. Those achieving Distinguished Organizations were: Bethesda Baptist Church (3), Clayton First Baptist (8), Four Oaks Baptist Church and Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church (14), Pine Level Baptist Church and Princeton Baptist Church (3), Thanksgiving Baptist Church (3) and Wilson's Mills Baptist Church (2). The Constitution of the Johnston Baptist Associational Woman's Missionary Union was updated and voted on. We had over one hundred (100) attending. The Associational W.M.U. was recognized for the fourth year as a distinguished organization.

Quarterly meetings and a quarterly newsletter were accomplishments for the 1989-1989 year. Leadership training was held on September 11 & 12 at Sharon Baptist Church. With one hundred twenty-four (124) attending. Forty-one (41) manual study awards were earned. Our offering of \$115.24 was given to Women's Prison in Raleigh for Christmas gifts.

World Day of Prayer was observed on November 7 at Benson Baptist Church. Speakers were Paul & Vera Johnston from the Philippines. The Acteen Rally was held at Newton Grove Baptist Church on March 11, 1989, with sixty (60) people attending. The offering of \$34.14 was used to purchase gospels in Spanish to be used in Johnston Baptist Association. The G.A. Rally was held at Hocutt Memorial on April 22, with one hundred twenty-three (123) attending. The puppets from Princeton Baptist Church were featured. On May 6, Mission Friends held their rally at Sharon Baptist Church with ninety (90) present. We currently have twenty-seven (27) churches with Mission Friends organizations. Baptist Young Women had a dinner meeting at Benson Grove for their annual meeting. There were twenty-five (25) in attendance. Steve Morris presented slides from Brazil and Robert and Peggy Kelly brought a message in song.

The annual meeting was held on April 25, 1989, at Live Oak Baptist Church. Charles and Bonnie Wiggs were our missionary speakers. We had one hundred one (101) in attendance. The offering of \$157.40 was given to Johnston Baptist Association to be used for the Brazilian partnership.

The Johnston Baptist Association W.M.U. was recognized for the fifth year as a distinguished organization. Churches receiving recognition were: Distinguished: Bethesda (4), Clayton First (9), Hephzibah (1), Hocutt Memorial (15), Pine Level (2), Thanksgiving (4), Princeton (4). Those

receiving standard were: Baptist Tabernacle, Smithfield First, Watkin's Chapel. Churches with Centennial recognition were: Bethesda, Clayton First, Hephzibah, Hocutt Memorial, Princeton, Carter's Chapel, Baptist Center, Pine Level, Newton Grove, Sharon, and Pisgah.

The 1989-1990 year began with Leadership Training on September 10 and 17 at Smithfield First. We had 105 attending. The second night consisted of a Mission Study Institute. Our offering was sent to Women's Prison in Raleigh for Christmas gifts.

World Day of Prayer was held on November 5 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. We had one hundred thirty-five (135) in attendance. A gift of \$178.25 was taken and sent to the Baptist World Alliance.

The annual Prayer Retreat was held February 22-23 at Caswell Baptist Assembly. Diane Graham was the leader with Hope Christian leading in the music. We had 114 in attendance.

The age-level rallies were held in the spring. Acteens met at Bethany Baptist Church on March 9 with 50 present. A love gift of \$42 was taken for Kenly Baptist Church who had major fire to their buildings. The G.A.'s met at Parrish Memorial Baptist Church on April 13. An offering of \$154.54 was taken for the Migrant Ministry and fifty (50) health kits were collected. The Anita and David ventriloquist team had the program and entertainment.

The annual meeting was held on April 16 at Beulah Baptist Church. Zeb Moss, who was serving as assistant area director of East Africa, was our speaker. We had 93 in attendance. The Baptist Young Women had a "Hands on Project" with a family picnic. There were twenty-two (22) in attendance.

Crestwood Baptist Church withdrew from our fellowship. Ten churches were recognized as Distinguished organizations for 1990. They were: Carter's Chapel, Cedar Grove, Clayton First (11), Hocutt Memorial (17), Pine Level (4), Princeton (6), Sharon, Watkin's Chapel, White Oak, and Wilson's Mills. Our associational WMU was recognized as a Distinguished organization.

Leadership training for 1990-1991 was held on September 11 & 12 at Sharon Baptist Church. We have one hundred twenty-four (124) in attendance. Our offering of \$115.24 was sent to Women's Prison in Raleigh for Christmas gifts. On September 29 our churches were encouraged to have a twenty-four (24) hour prayer and meditation time with breakfast.

Baptist World Day of Prayer was held on November 6 at Selma Baptist Church. There were one hundred fifty (150) in attendance. An offering of \$146.05 was received and given to the Baptist World Alliance. Baptist Young Women had a Prayer Retreat on October 14 at Clemmons Park. Sandra Harrison was the leader. In February the annual Baptist Women's Retreat was held at Caswell Baptist Assembly. We had fifty-three attending. Hope Christian was our leader.

The Acteen Rally was held on March 10 at Sardis Baptist Church. Sandy Blackmon was the guest speaker. There was a puppet show and special music by Rodney Hughes and the youth from Princeton Baptist Church. They gave \$55.00 toward the Brazilian partnership. The G.A. Rally was held on April 21 at Benson Baptist Church. Mission Friends met on May 5 at Four Oaks. There were one hundred eleven (111) attending. On April 17 the W.M.U. annual meeting was held at Bethesda Baptist Church. Our speaker was Ruth Jolcoso from Nigeria. This was the year of the Acteens so we had our Acteens from Carter's Chapel to speak on behalf of the Acteens.

W.M.U. was organized in the Oakdale Church this year. We had two (2) churches with Standard W.M.U.'s: Carter's Chapel and Pisgah. Those recognized as Distinguished were: Bethesda, Clayton First, Hocutt Memorial, Pine Level, Princeton and Wilson's Mills. The Johnston Baptist Association W.M.U. was recognized for the sixth year as a Distinguished organization.

1991/1992 – 1993-1994 Marguerite Stevens

The 1991-1992 Leadership Training Workshop was held September 9 & 16 at Selma Baptist Church with ninety-nine (99) attending. A love offering of \$179.17 was received and sent to the Women's Prison for Christmas gifts.

World Day of Prayer was held on November 4 at Sharon Baptist Church. Bonnie Wiggs was our speaker. An offering of \$271.60 was received and sent to the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

The annual Prayer Retreat was held on January 17 & 18 at Caraway Conference Center. Christine Gregory led the retreat and music was provided by Kathy Wilkinson. There were one hundred twenty-six (126) who participated.

The age-level rallies were held in the spring. The Baptist Young Women met on February 3, 1992, at Noble's Chapel Baptist Church. Barbara Warrick, a retired home missionary, was the speaker. An offering of \$20 was given to Harbor House, a shelter for battered women. Acteens met at Baptist Center Church on March 14 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m for a dinner meeting. A student from Wingate College led the program. The meal was provided by the Brotherhood of Baptist Center. The G.A.'s met at Corinth Baptist Church on May 2. Mt. Airy Clown Team from Easley, S.C. gave the program. Canned food was collected for the JBA food pantry. There were one hundred twenty-five (125) attending. Mission Friends met on May 16 at Pine Level Baptist Church. The Hocutt Memorial Puppet Ministry gave the program. There were one hundred twenty (120) in attendance. Canned food was collected for the JBA food pantry.

In March the WMU Council invited the WMU directors of the JBA churches to a brunch prepared by the ladies at Sharon Baptist Church. Approximately fifty (50) people attended. Plans were made to form partnerships between churches to enlarge and enrich our WMU program.

The annual meeting was held on April 16 at Carter's Chapel Baptist Church with one hundred twenty-six (126) attending. Charles Wiggs was our speaker with several women participating on the program. Our offering of \$200.25 was given to the migrant ministry of our association. The

following thirteen (13) churches were recognized as Distinguished WMU organizations for 1991: Bethesda, Carter's Chapel (2), Cedar Grove (2), Four Oaks, Hocutt Memorial (18) Micro, Pine Level (5), Princeton (7), Sardis, Sharon (2), White Oak (2), and Wilson's Mills (2). Watkin's Chapel was recognized as having a Standard achievement. The Associational WMU was recognized as a distinguished organization for 1990-91.

The WMU helped promote the project to put a well and septic tank in Emory Chapel in New York.

The 1992-1993 Leadership Training was held at the First Baptist Church, Smithfield with one hundred sixteen (116) attending. The World Day of Prayer was expanded this year to reach out in every area of the County. Meetings were held in seven (7) locations. Our attendance doubled and the offering almost tripled. The offering was sent to the Baptist World Alliance to help programs in under developed countries.

On January 22-23 the annual Prayer Retreat was held at Atlantic Beach. Olga Hood led the group in discovering their spiritual gifts. A love gift of \$176 was given to be sent to Kelton & Lauri Hinton, missionaries to France. We also enjoyed a study *Hearts Cry* presented by Mary Brown. This was held at Thanksgiving Baptist Church on June 26.

All of our rallies were well attended. Acteens enjoyed a Father-Daughter Banquet on February 8 at Sharon Baptist Church. Bonnie Wiggs shared some of her missionary experiences and Sheralyn Dowless told how Acteens had enriched her life. Fifty-four (54) participated in this activity. The Baptist Young Women met at Four Oaks Baptist Church on March 11 with thirty-five (35) attending. Our Director of Missions, Horace Ricks, was the speaker. The members took gifts for Harbor House. The G.A.'s met at Pauline Baptist Church on April 24. The church was set up with three interest centers: singing, a trip to Brazil and crafts. There were one hundred ten (110) in attendance. They took cans of food to help stock the JBA food pantry. On May 1, the Mission Friends met with ninety-five (95) attending. They took cans of food for the JBA food pantry.

The annual meeting of the WMU was held at Thanksgiving Baptist Church on April 12. Nancy Curtis, our retiring executive director of our state WMU was our guest speaker. One hundred sixteen (116) attended, with a love offering of \$204 given for the migrant work in our association. The following twelve (12) churches were recognized for having distinguished WMU organizations in 1992-1993: Carter's Chapel (3), Cedar Grove (3), Clayton First, Four Oaks (2) Hocutt Memorial (19), Micro First (2), Pine Level (6), Princeton (7), Sharon (3), Wilson's Mills (3). Three (3) churches were recognized for having Standard organizations: Bethesda, Pisgah and Sardis. Twenty (20) ladies from the Johnson Association attended the Annual State WMU meeting in Ridgecrest in March.

The final event for the 1992-1993 year was the Pastor Appreciation Banquet held at Pine Level Baptist Church on May 20. Sixty-five (65) people enjoyed this occasion.

The 1993-1994 Leadership Training Workshop had one hundred twenty-two (122) attending. The World Day of Prayer was held in eight (8) locations this year with three hundred sixteen attending and an offering of \$1,037.16 given to the Baptist World Alliance to help women all over the world.

The rallies of each organization were well attended. The Baptist Young Women meet at Pine Level with thirty-five (35) attending. Ninety-one (91) Acteens gathered at Watkin's Chapel. Mission Friends had seventy-six (76) in attendance. The annual WMU meeting was held at Smithfield First with one hundred sixty (160) in attendance. Mundo Vista was the mission emphasis this year and the organizations gave a total of \$2,670.63 toward the renovation project.

The Associational WMU was recognized again this year as a Distinguished organization. The following churches were recognized as Distinguished organizations: Bethesda (1), Carter's Chapel (4) Cedar Grove (4), Clayton First (2), Four Oaks First (3), Hocutt Memorial (20), Micro (3), Pine Level (7), Princeton (8), Sharon (4), Wilson's Mills (4) Watkin's Chapel (2) and White Oak (1). Pisgah was recognized as a standard WMU organization.

1994/1995 – 1995-1996 Jackie Jones

The 1994-1995 Leadership Training was held in September with one hundred two (102) attending. An offering of \$215 was collected for the Christmas project for Women's Prison. The Baptist World Day of Prayer was attended by two hundred forty-one (241) women with an offering of \$974 that was sent to the Baptist World Alliance to serve women all over the world.

One hundred seventy-five (175) attended the annual Prayer Retreat at Atlantic Beach which was led by missionary Sarah Snell. During our Help Hunger Campaign we collected over 1,500 cans of food and \$340.30 cash to help with hunger needs in the association.

The rallies were held in the spring with the Baptist Young Women meeting at Corinth Baptist Church on March 9 with Gazelle Phillips, missionary, as guest speaker. The Acteens met at Pisgah Baptist Church on February 15. There were fifty attending the rally. The G.A.'s had a sleepover at Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church on April 28-29. There were seventy-five (75) moms and daughters attending. The Middlesex G.A.'s provided entertainment with their puppet team. Those attending brought toys for the pediatric unit at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Mission Friends met on May 6 at Hood's Grove Baptist Church with forty-eight (48) attending. Canned food was collected for the JBA food pantry. They also made booklets that were given out on May 20 to needy children visiting the Medical/Dental Bus at Smithfield First Baptist Church.

WMU continues to support our association by participating in the Christmas in August Project, the JBA food pantry and clothes closet, and contributing health kits for the migrant population.

The Association WMU was rated as a standard organization. The following churches were rated distinguished: Bethesda (5), Carter's Chapel (5), Cedar Grove (5), Clayton First (3), Four Oaks First (4), Hocutt Memorial (21), Micro First (4), Pine Level (8), Princeton (9), Sharon (5), Watkin's Chapel (3), White Oak (2) and Wilson's Mills (5).

The Leadership Training Workshop was the first activity of the 1995-1996 year with seventy-five (75) participating. An offering of \$200 was collected for Christmas gifts for inmates at Women's Prison. The World Day of Prayer was held in November with two hundred fifty-five (255) attending with an offering of \$1,054 received to be sent to the Baptist World Alliance.

The annual Prayer Retreat was held in February at Caswell Assembly. Two hundred eleven (211) ladies registered but only sixty-one (61) attended due to weather conditions. The Spiritual Growth Retreat was held June 29 and led by Donice Harrod, State WMU President. Sixty-five ladies attended this function.

The annual WMU meeting was held at Sharon Baptist Church with Rev. Dorothy Bell as guest speaker. She has served on both the home and foreign mission field. Our offering was taken to support the JBA Social Ministries.

The G.A.'s rally was held on April 27 at North Smithfield Baptist Church.

Through Project 1996: Help AIDS we contributed over 2,000 items and \$500 to DAPAA, Inc. a local AIDS agency.

The associational WMU supported the work of the JBA office by contributing to the needs of people through Christmas in August, the food pantry, clothes closet and preparing health kits for migrant workers.

1996/1997 – 1997-1998 Ramona Cash

The 1996-1997 WMU emphasis was “Hand in Hand”. Objective adopted were to nurture and involve people in missions and to strengthen WMU work in the church.

After extensive key leadership training at Caswell and Mundo Vista, the leadership team conducted the Leadership Training Workshop on September 23 at First Baptist Church, Smithfield. Eighty-nine (89) leaders attending gave \$207 for renovation of cabins at Camp Mundo Vista. The training was originally planned for September 9, but had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Fran.

The following churches were hosts for the World Day of Prayer November 4, 1996: Hales Chapel, Calvary-Selma, Pine Level, Smithfield First, Benson, Burnell, Shiloh and Wilson's Mills. A total of three hundred thirty-seven (337) were in attendance and gave \$1,179.30 to North American Woman's Union.

WMU leaders attended the 166th annual session of the Baptist State Convention November 11-13, 1996 in Greensboro. We received a certificate for participating in the Celebration of Flags. The Johnston County flag and a “gray flag” representing the “UNCHURCHED” in the county were carried in the procession.

The retreats/rallies of each WMU age-level organization were held. There were one hundred seventy (170) in attendance for the Missions Prayer Retreat at the Sheraton at Atlantic Beach on January 17-18. Missionary Bonnie Wiggs just back from Albania was our conference leader. Denise Cooke gave an update on the South Africa project and the music was provided by the Ladies Ensemble from Smithfield First. The Acteens/Leaders from Hephzibah, Princeton, and Carter's Chapel attended “Trippin' Out”, an event held at Ridgecrest on December 6-8. Several

acteens and leaders from Carter's Chapel attended Acteen's Day at Campbell on February 22, 1997. The G.A.'s met at Watkin's Chapel on April 26 with seventy-one (71) attending. They brought quarters to be given to the Mundo Vista project. Mission Friends met on May 3 at Thanksgiving Baptist Church with seventy-four (74) present. They decorated a Christmas tree with one hundred six (106) pairs of socks to be given to the needy. Mission Friends and their leaders received special recognition this year in honor of the Sunbeam/Mission Friends Centennial – "100 Years and Still Growing."

Thirty-seven (37) WMU members from Princeton, Watkin's Chapel, Smithfield First, Pleasant Grove, Hocutt Memorial, Four Oaks First, Hephzibah and Clayton First attended Mission Extravaganza, the annual state WMU meeting at Ridgecrest on March 21-23. The JBA WMU received the North Carolina Growth Award.

The JBA WMU annual meeting was held at Clayton First with Mrs. Irma Duke, N.C. WMU Executive Director bringing the missions message "Hand in Hand". One hundred ninety-three (193) attended and an offering of \$516 was collected for cabin renovations at Camp Mundo Vista.

The national social issue focused on PROJECT HELP: CHILD ADVOCACY in the role of the church in responding to the needs of children (birth-18 yrs). Developmental toys and books and canned goods were given to the Early Childhood Intervention Program administered through the Mental Health Center. The JBA WMU also sent \$377 to support a dormitory in Thailand where young girls are housed to prevent them from being sold into prostitution.

Throughout the year, we have continued our support for the work of the association by contributing to the needs of people through "Christmas in August", the food pantry, the clothes closet and preparing migrant, dental and baby health kits for distribution. Our part in the Christmas Red Box project, which provides boxes for women inmates at N. C. Correctional Institutes and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women, gave us an opportunity to provide 500 packages of chewing gum.

The 1997-1998 WMU emphasis was "Come Go With Me." Extensive training was provided by the State WMU to associational leadership teams at Caswell and Caraway after which the JBA WMU Leadership Conference was held at Smithfield First on August 18. There were eighty-eight (88) leaders attending who gave an offering of \$208.75 for renovation of cabins at Camp Mundo Vista.

The Book Study "Come Go With Me" was held at Pine Level Baptist on September 11 with one hundred fifteen (115) ladies attending. Phyllis Elliott from Green Sea, S.C. was the study leader.

The World Day of Prayer was held on November 3 and was hosted by the following churches: Lee's Chapel, Kenly, Princeton, Bethesda, Newton Grove, Oliver's Grove, Thanksgiving and Corinth. There were two hundred sixty-eight (268) in attendance at these meeting places and a total offering of \$978.93 was given for the women's work of the Baptist World Alliance.

The retreats/rallies of each age-level was held: One hundred eighty-nine (189) attended the Women on Missions Prayer Retreat on October 10-11 at Caswell Baptist Assembly. Ruby Fulbright, a

former missionary and present Second Vice President of North Carolina WMU was the guest speaker. The Smithfield First Baptist Ladies Ensemble, accompanied by Mrs. Melba Woodruff provided the music. Warren Barfield and his brother provided a musical message at the Acteen Rally on March 14 at Carter's Chapel. Several acteens attended the 15th annual Acteen's Day at Campbell University. Seventeen acteens and leaders also attended the NAC 98, National Acteen's Convention July 1-4, 1998, in Louisville, Ky. The G.A.'s met on May 9 at Four Oaks First with sixty-nine (69) attending. Sharon Baptist was host for the Mission Friends rally on May 2. A total of seventy-three (73) attended and brought sixty-eight (68) rolls of paper towels for the Sorrell's Home, a home for problem children, in Benson.

Seventy-one WMU ladies from Micro, Hephizibah, Princeton, Smithfield First, Clayton First, Hocutt Memorial, Four Oaks First, Watkin's Chapel, Hales Chapel and Middlesex attended the Missions Extravaganza Conference, the annual state meeting at Ridgecrest March 27-29.

The annual JBA WMU meeting was held at White Oak Baptist on April 27. Raushan White of Central Asia was the speaker. Two hundred one (201) attended giving an offering of \$500 for the Bill and Ruth Jackson Building Fund at Mundo Vista.

WMU ladies continue to support the work of the association by contributing to the many opportunities provided to us.

1998/1999 – 1999/2000 Beebe Parker

The 1998-99 WMU Emphasis was "Transformed" and we focused on allowing God to remake us in His image and use us to share His transforming love with the people of our world. We made prison ministry on the local level a priority.

After receiving training by North Carolina WMU leaders, the Johnston Baptist WMU Leadership Team held our Associational Training Session on August 17. There were ninety-one leaders in attendance and an offering of \$231 was given for Camp Mundo Vista renovations.

World Day of Prayer meetings were held in eight different locations in the association on November 2. Over 260 persons attended and gave an offering of \$957.50 for Baptist World Alliance women's work around the world.

Seventeen Acteen and leaders from Johnston Baptist Association attended NAC, the National Acteen Convention, held every four to five years for girls in grades seven through twelve. Those attending this year's convention in Louisville, Kentucky were from Carter's Chapel, Four Oaks First, Smithfield First and Wilson's Mills.

Our 1998-99 National Ministry Project was Project Help: Violence. The theme was PAVE the Way for Peace. During the year we had a workshop training session to help leaders plan activities to combat violence and promote peace. Our associational project of collecting soap and toothpaste for inmates in Johnston Correctional Center netted 650 gift bags. We also provided desserts at the Appreciation Banquet for county law-enforcement officers held at Smithfield First. We also provided Bible Activity Kits for children visiting relatives at the local correctional center.

The Women on Mission Prayer Retreat was held at Caswell in October with Phyllis Elliott-Elvington of South Carolina as our guest speaker. There were two hundred sixty-three attending. The Mission Friends Rally was held at Hales Chapel on May 1, 1999, with seventy-eight children and leaders attending from eleven churches. The G.A. Rally was held at Parrish Memorial on April 17, 1999. Kelton Hinton, Director of Missions, brought the mission emphasis. There were sixty-six in attendance. The Acteen Rally was held at Wilson's Mills on May 13, 1999. Charlie Carter, a story teller, entertained the children with his stories. Four churches were represented with sixteen in attendance. Many of our ladies attended the Missions Extravaganza at Ridgecrest.

Our annual associational meeting was held at Pauline on May 10. One hundred thirty-four persons registered. North Carolina WMU President, Donice Harrod was our speaker and music was led by Melba Woodruff, pianist and Sharon Thompson, soloist. The offering taken for Project Campaign was \$503.26. Project Campaign is the title of Johnston Baptist Association WMU's commitment to promote Camp Mundo Vista, Christian Women's Job Corps, and Development/Endowment Missions in North Carolina. Special offerings will be taken at our annual Prayer Retreat for the next five years. For the associational year ending 1999, we have received \$4,953.26.

Associational churches have supported the JBS office and their involvement in missions by providing migrant kits, working at Fiestas, promoting prayer for our area-wide revival held September 19-21, 1999, providing food boxes for Belarus, participating in Project Angel Tree and Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes, making health & infant kits for Day by Day Center, providing scripture portions in the native language of teams who participated in the Special Olympics while staying in Johnston County and contributing used missions literature to be sent to South Africa.

Our 1999-2000 WMU Emphasis was "Transformed To Take the Stand". The Associational Leadership Training Session was held on August 2, 1999 and was attended by sixty-six leaders from our churches. The offering of \$248.08 was given to Project Campaign. The World Day of Prayer meeting were held on November 1, 1999 in eight locations with a total attendance of three hundred fifty-eight persons. Our offering of \$1,006.70 was sent to the Baptist World Alliance for projects for women around the world.

We continued emphasis on our two-year National Ministry Project Help: Violence. The Care Bear project collected over 1,000 bears to be distributed by law enforcement agencies to children in stress or crisis situations. We also collected four hundred bottles of lotion for women inmates at N. C. and Raleigh Correctional Centers for distribution at Christmas.

The Women on Mission Prayer Retreat at Caswell on November 12-13 was attended by two hundred twenty-one persons with Phyllis Elvington of South Carolina being our guest speaker. The Acteen Rally was held on March 11, 2000, at Shiloh with eighteen girls and leaders present. The G. A. Rally was held at Clydes Chapel on April 8, 2000 with one hundred twenty present. On May 6, 2000, the Mission Friends Rally was held at Burnell with Kelton Hinton, our DoM, sharing some of his experiences as a missionary in Africa. There were thirty-seven present.

Our Annual Meeting was held at Live Oak on April 29, 2000. The mission message was provided by Denise Cooke. We collected \$663.75 for Project Campaign. At the end of the associational year we had received a total of \$10,000 toward our \$50,000, goal. Mission efforts we supported

through the JBA office were such things as migrant kits, refreshments for Backyard Bible Clubs, activity and Bible book kits for inmates' children, supporting the Law Enforcement Banquet and promoting Weeks of Prayer and offerings for N. C. Missions, North American Missions and International Missions.

2000/2001 – 2001/2002 - Linda King

The 2000-2001 began with the associational leadership training at Camp Caraway in June. The major goals of the Leadership Team were to continue to strengthen communication with individual churches throughout our association to, increase awareness of missions opportunities and to encourage churches to set missions growth goals and to keep good records. The associational training was held at Smithfield First Baptist Church on August 12, 2000, with one hundred twenty-nine (129) in attendance.

We participated in the Yam Jam project. World Day of Prayer was held in each of the eight church groups on November 6, 2000, with our offering going to the Baptist World Alliance. The Spiritual Renewal Retreat was held November 10-11 at Fort Caswell. Mrs. Margaret Jensen, a noted Christian author and speaker from Wilmington was the guest speaker. Lou Lane Chasteen, a Christian singer from Raleigh, provided beautiful music throughout the retreat. Emphasis was given to our offering for Project Campaign and the collection of socks for the Christmas project for the Women's Prison in Raleigh. In December we observed the Week of Prayer with the emphasis for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Other mission projects such as Samaritan's Purse were observed by many churches.

W.M.U. Focus Week was observed in February. Phyllis Elliott Elvington taught our W.M.U. Focus book BEYOND BELIEF AT Clayton First Baptist on February 13, 2001. The Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong offering was observed in March. Rallies were held for Mission Friends, G.A.'s and Acteens during the spring. The annual W.M.U. meeting was held at Pine Level Baptist Church on April 28, 2001. Dr. Carolyn McClendon, a former North American missionary spoke to us about her missionary experiences in New Orleans.

We entered into the 2001-2002 year of emphasis on BEYOND BELIEF . The Associational Leadership Training was held at Camp Caraway in late June. Church W.M.U. Leadership Training was held in early August at Smithfield First. There were one hundred twelve (112) in attendance. In September we observed the North Carolina Missions Offering and the mission efforts that depend upon this offering. The Yam Jam project was observed in October. Our Spiritual Renewal Retreat was held at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell on October 12-13. Our special mission's offering was for Project Campaign renovations at Camp Mundo Vista. World Day of Prayer was observed on November 5 in the eight (8) areas of our Association. Our mission emphasis for this meeting was Christmas boxes for the ladies in Women's Prison in Raleigh. In December we observed the Week of Prayer with the emphasis for International Missions and the Lottie Moon offering. Many churches participated in the Samaritan's Purse project.

Rallies were held for Mission Friends, G.A.'s and Acteens in the spring. Many of our ladies attended the W.M.U. Missions Extravaganza held at Ridgecrest in April. The ninety-ninth annual meeting

of the WMU was held on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church in Clayton. Mrs. Robbie Sneed, a member of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union Resource Team was our speaker.

2002-2003 Lois Carter

The 2002-2003 brought us new leadership again with a new theme "God's Plan—My Part." The Associational training for the Leadership Team took place in two phases with four of our team training at Caraway and twelve attended training at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh. After training for our associational team, training was made available for all the local WMU directors, officers, and age level directors at Smithfield First on August 16, 2003. There were seventy-six in attendance.

Many opportunities, through the Association, were made available for our churches. Due to budget restraints, more emphasis was placed on promoting the North Carolina State Missions Offering. We also participated in activities such as "Yam Jam", Law Enforcement Banquet, Dental Bus, Angel Christmas Tree, Back Yard Bible school, Woman's Prison Ministry, Samaritan's Purse, and providing assistance at the JBA office. As an organization, we participated with other organizations and churches in the food boxes for Iraq with two-hundred eighty-four boxes being sent. A new project for us this year was to support the campus ministry program by preparing lunch for over five hundred people.

Our age-level rallies were well attended. Mission Friends had the theme of a Cow. The mission project raised \$1,098.40 for the Little Mission Orphanage in Moldova. The G.A. Rally had good attendance with special emphasis being placed on the House of Hope. Several young girls from the House of Hope spoke and told of their experiences that led to their being placed at the House of Hope. They encouraged the young people in attendance to respect and obey their parents. Seventy-eight dollars was collected to be sent to the House of Hope. The Youth on Missions had sixty young people attending. Several of the youth gave testimonies concerning missions trips they had made. The Women on Missions Spiritual Renewal Retreat was held at Sea Trail Resort at Sunset Beach, N.C. with over 200 ladies in attendance. Phyllis Elliott Elvington was our retreat leader. We collected \$3,745.06 that closed out our five-year project for the North Carolina WMU Campaign to help renovate Munda Vista.

The World Day of Prayer in November was held in area churches with a total of two-hundred eighty-four in attendance, collecting an offering of \$1,150.83 to be sent to the Baptist World Alliance. In February we studied the book "God's Plan—My Part" at Smithfield Baptist Church. The study was led by Barbara Wiley who presented the study with a lot of interaction from the group. We had several churches attending the North Carolina WMU Annual Meeting at Ridgecrest in April. The Associational WMU Annual Meeting was held at Trinity Baptist Church , with Barbara Wiley as our guest speaker. We had eighty present.

Looking Forward

Plans are being made for the 100th Annual meeting of Johnston WMU which will be held at Watkin's Chapel church on May 22, 2004. The business session will present a vivid contrast to the one held in 1903. A Program of Events will be distributed that will contain our Prayer Calendar, minutes of last years meeting, reports from officers, age level consultants, and committee reports. The newly adopted Mitchner Scholarship Fund guidelines will be presented, as well as a recommendation to accept a revised set of Bylaws . There will be a missionary message and an interesting display of the historical material of Johnston WMU.

Over the years, WMU has had many slight organizational changes to keep us mission-focused and relevant to our continuously changing environments. These changes have all been needed and, although not wholly welcomed by all, were certainly efforts in streamlining and helping us to stay "healthy."

I am concerned, however, about the future of the WMU organization as it now exists. I am seeing more and more of our younger women "opt out" of the traditional WMU organization and "create their own" loose-knit grouping around the themes of fellowship and discipleship. I would like to see us move ourselves (as a women's organization) to become more inclusive of such emphasis in an effort to keep these younger generations of women "plugged in" to a wonderful mission-themed organization such as ours.

The reality is that in our Baptist churches today we are competing for the time and attention of our women with other women's groups such as: Beth Moore studies, Women on Faith conferences, Bible Study Fellowship, Precepts Bible Study, M.O.P.S (Mother's of Pre-Schoolers) to say nothing of the quilting groups, recreational groups and support groups dealing with weight loss or addictive behaviors. These other groups are growing rapidly while our organization is in decline. (Yes, we have had *numerical* gains in membership, but the number of churches with an active WMU has been declining for years.)

I am wondering if we could birth something new in our organization! A new arrangement for our women that would include four elements: evangelism & outreach events, discipleship offerings, ministry (to local, church folk) and missions opportunities for those outside of the church. We could expand our umbrella to include and encourage some of these items that seem to be "front burner" issues for our younger women—how to be a better wife and mother, how to juggle time constraints, how to develop a deeper spiritual life in the midst of a very hectic schedule, etc.

I am afraid that if we do not address these issues, we risk losing our audience and eventually losing the WMU organization as a whole. Remember, the only thing that is not changing is dead! (And we certainly don't want to be a nice museum piece!) Let's give the future of the WMU our very best consideration and our best, most creative thoughts, How would YOU improve what we are attempting to do?

The future of women's ministry in our association and in our churches will depend largely on what action the Associational WMU takes.

Louise H. Wall
WMU Director Elect
2002-2004



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 Clayton First Mrs. Hume Creech
 Clyde's Chapel Mrs. Frances Adams
 Corinth Mrs. C. R. Johnson
 Crestwood Mrs. Pat Davis
 Faith Mrs. Ruth Howell
 Four Oaks Mrs. E. Elwood Banks
 Hale's Chapel Miss B. Jaye Bunn
 Hephzibah Mrs. Luria Worley
 Hocutt Memorial Mrs. Lena Mercer
 Hood's Grove Mrs. Joe Hudson
 Kenly Mrs. E. L. Etheridge
 Lee's Chapel Mrs. Joe Fraison
 Live Oak Elsie Sellers

Lyle's Memorial Murrel Heath
 Micro Claudia Parrish
 Middlesex Mrs. Jake Wright, Jr
 Newton Grove Maggie Bennett
 Noble's Chapel Mrs. Jimmy Starling
 North Smithfield Barbara Price
 Oliver's Grove
 Parrish Memorial Mildred Starling
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Burnell Mrs. Mayo Tart
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Cedar Grove
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Four Oaks Mrs. Elwood Banks
Hale's Chapel B. Jaye Bunn
Hephzibah Mrs. Linda Leonard
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Hood's Grove Mrs. Joe Hudson
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Lees Chapel Mrs. Ethel Faison
Live Oak Mrs. Elsie Sellers

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Bethesda Dixie Harper
Beulah Mrs. Glenwood Barefoot
Blackmon's Grove Mrs. Woodrow Wood
Burnell Mrs. Mayo Tart
Calvary Mrs. Warren Lee
Carter's Chapel Mrs. Roger Evans
Cedar Grove
Clayton First Mrs. E. W. Ellis
Clyde's Chapel Mrs. Braxton Morris
Corinth Joyce E. Johnson
Crestwood Kathy Simmons
Faith Ruth Howell
Four Oaks Mrs. Elwood Banks
Hale's Chapel B. Jaye Bunn
Hocutt Memorial Selmadine Tart
Hood's Grove Mrs. Joe E. Hudson
Mrs. E. L. Etheridge White Oak
Lee's Chapel Ethel Faison
Live Oak Elsie Sellars

Lyle's Memorial Mrs. Muriel Heath
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Newton Grove Mrs. Dock Bennett
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Barbara Price
Oliver's Grove
Parrish Memorial Ms. Horace Pitts
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Pine Level Mrs. Berry Oliver
Pinkney Mrs. A. W. Hill
Pisgah Grace Stevens
Pleasant Grove Shirley Byrd
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Sardis Ms. Ray Whitley
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Mission Support	Millie Norris	Group 7 Mrs. Muriel Heath
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Mission Study	Mrs. Bobby Tart	
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Antioch	Edith McGraw	Lee's Chapel	Ethel Faison
Baptist Center	Mrs. Billy Wells	Live Oak	Elsie Sellers
Baptist Tabernacle	Mrs. Bobby Driver	Micro	
Benson	Mrs. W. R. Lambert	Middlesex	Mrs. Jack Wright, Jr.
Benson Grove	Mrs. Narron Lee	Newton Grove	Maggie Bennett
Bethany	Mrs. Billy C. Batten	Noble's Chapel	Dolly Stallings
Bethesda	Mrs. Dixie Harper	North Smithfield.....	Hazel Whitley
Beulah	Blanche Paul	Oliver's Grove	Jo Ann Allen
Blackmon's Grove	Edith Lee	Parrish Memorial	Ruby Whitley
Burnell	Mrs. Mayo Tart	Pauline	Eunice Weeks
Calvary	Judy Lee	Pine Level	Ms. Lewis Thompson
Carter's Chapel	Shirley Edwards	Pinkney	
Cedar Grove	Shirley Price	Pisgah	Grace Stevens
Clayton, First	Mrs. Hume Creech	Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Thomas Jordan
Clyde's Chapel	Mrs. W. R. Deans, Jr.	Princeton	Jean Hinton
Corinth	Joyce Johnson	Sardis	Sylvia Whitley
Crestwood		Selma	
Faith	Mrs. John Lewis	Sharon	Jackie Jones
Four Oaks	Myrtle Lee	Shiloh	Polly Eakes
Hale's Chapel	B. Jaye Bunn	Smithfield	Mrs. J. R. Overby
Hephzibah	Mrs. Percy Daughtry	Steven's Chapel	Ms. Sherri Thompson
Hocutt Memorial	Mrs. Bobby Tart	Trinity	Mrs. Alton Lawhorn
Hillside	Mrs. Muriel Heath	Thanksgiving	Sandra Smith
Hood's Grove	Mrs. W. A. Hood	Watkin's Chapel	Dorothy Driver
Jonesboro	Mrs. Nancy Stewart	White Oak	Mrs. Alton Wall
Kenly	Mrs. E. L. Etheridge	Wilson's Mills	Zelda Wood

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Bethesda Mrs. Dixie Harper
Beulah Mrs. Louis B. McLamb
Blackman's Grove Mrs. Edith Lee
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Carter's Chapel
Calvary Judy Lee
Cedar Grove Mrs. Donnie Price
Clayton First Mrs. Hume Creech
Clyde's Chapel Mrs. W. R. Dean, Jr.
Corinth Mrs. Joyce Johnson
Crestwood Mrs. Lacy Wall
Faith Mrs. Clarence Brown
Four Oaks Mrs. Myrtle Lee
Hale's Chapel B. Jaye Bunn
Hephzibah Mrs. Percy Daughtry
Hillside Mrs. Muriel Heath
Hocutt Memorial Selmadene Tart
Hood's Grove Mrs. W. A. Hood
Jonesboro Nancy Stewart
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Live Oak Mrs. Ruby Dunn
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Newton Grove Joyce Bennett
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Ms. Earl Whitley
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Calvary Mrs. Warren Lee
Carter's Chapel Gertrude Edwards
Cedar Grove Shirley Price
Clayton First Ramona Cash
Clyde's Chapel Mrs. W. R. Deans
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Crestwood Mrs. J. H. Mauney
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Four Oaks Mrs. Harding Parke
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Hood's Grove Mrs. W. A. Hood
Jonesboro Gertrude Messer

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North Smithfield Edith Deese
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Pine Level Ruby Thompson
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Pleasant Grove Ms. Thomas Jordan
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Beulah Glorice Barefoot
Blackman's Grove Edith Lee
Burnell Mrs. Mayo Tart
Calvary Mrs. Warren Lee
Carter's Chapel Gertrude Edwards
Cedar Grove Geraldine Dale
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Clyde's Chapel Mrs. Glenn Medlin
Corinth Mrs. C. R. Johnson
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Four Oaks Mrs. Harding Parker
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Hocutt Memorial Mrs. Selma Dean Tart
Hood's Grove Mrs. W. A. Hood
Jonesboro Sylvia Jackson
Kenly Mrs. B. L. Woodard

Lee's Chapel Leigh Driver
Live Oak Mrs. Ruby Dunn
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Middlesex Bessie Walston
Newton Grove Lottie T. Bass
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oliver's Grove Debbie Blackman
Parrish Memorial Mildred Starling
Pauline Mrs. Joseph Wood
Pine Level Ruby Thompson
Pinkney
Pisgah Grace Stevens
Pleasant Grove Dorothy Stephenson
Princeton Bessie Brown
Sardis Mable Olive
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Sharon Edith Strickland
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Asst. Girls in Action Dir. Diane Hairr
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Asst. Mission Friends Dir. Rochelle Hupp

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Benson Grove Mrs. Lee Langdon
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Bethesda Nelda Evans
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Blackman's Grove Edith Lee
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Calvary Mrs. Warren Lee
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Cedar Grove Shirley Price
Clayton, First Ramona Cash
Clyde's Chapel Donna Medlin
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Crestwood Gail Pearce
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Hales Chapel Mrs. Bobby Wall
Hephzibah Linda King
Hillside Muriel Heath
Hocutt Memorial Selmadene Tart
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Jonesboro Sue Tart
Kenly Mrs. Joe Griffin

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Live Oak Mrs. Hubert Capps
Micro, First Essie Mae Crocker
Middlesex Frances Chamblee
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Nobles Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oliver's Grove Teresa Allen
Parrish Memorial Mrs. Alton House
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Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Grace Stevens
Pleasant Grove Shirley Byrd
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Sardis Sylvia Whitley
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Area V Madge Compton
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Area VII Nadine Wells
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Calvary Dorothy Johnson
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Cedar Grove Joyce Deans
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Faith Thelma Lewis
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Hales Chapel Mrs. Bobby Wall
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Hocutt Memorial Frances Hatcher
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Jonesboro Nancy West
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Live Oak Josephine Capps
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North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oliver's Grove Teresa Allen
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 Area VII Nadean Wells
 Area VIII

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 Bethany Martha Howard
 Bethesda Dorothy Ellis
 Beulah Laura Barefoot
 Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
 Burnell Mrs Nelson Johnson
 Calvary, Dunn
 Calvary, Selma
 Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
 Cedar Grove Joyce Deans
 Clayton, First Sybil Ross
 Clyde's Chapel Syble Brown
 Corinth Ida Lee Richardson
 Crestwood Nancy Gay
 Faith Myrtle Ballard
 Four Oaks Mrs. Harding Parker
 Hale's Chapel Mrs. Bobby Wall
 Hephzibah Linda King
 Hocutt Memorial Frances Hatcher
 Hood's Grove Mrs. W. A. Hood
 Jonesboro Ora Mae Barefoot
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 Newton Grove Lottie Bass
 Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
 North Smithfield Edith Dees
 Oliver's Grove Teresa Allen
 Parrish Memorial Mildred Starling
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 Pine Level Shelia Massengill
 Pisgah Grace Stevens
 Pleasant Grove Wilma Jordon
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Beulah Laura Faye Barefood
Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Ms. Nelson Johnson
Calvary, Selma Carol Wood
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Arlene Boykins
Clayton First Sybil Ross
Clyde's Chapel Syble Brown
Corinth Hassie Pullie
Crestwood Marie Odom
Faith Laural Ferrell
Four Oaks Harding Parker
Hale's Chapel Ms. Bobby Wall
Hephzibah Linda King
Hocutt Memorial Frances Hatcher
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.W. Wood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Mary Aycock

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Live Oak Gail Cagle
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Shiloh Terry Moore
Smithfield First Joyce Wright
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Watkin's Chapel Wynell Davis
White Oak Jean Thompson

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Calvary – Selma.....	Marie Byrd	Parrish Memorial	Eunice Hinnant
Cedar Grove	Margaret Creech	Pauline	Eunice Weeks
Clayton First	Romana Cash	Pine Level.....	Beebe Parker
Clyde's Chapel	Margaret Davis	Pisgah	Geraldine Murphy
Corinth.....	Shirley Congleton	Pleasant Grove.....	Maxine Jacobs
Faith	Barbara Beasley	Princeton	Jean Hinton
Four Oaks First	Lottie Barbour	Sardis	Brenda Mitchell
Hale's Chapel	Cynthia Beasley	Sharon	Ruby Creech
Hephzibah	Linda King	Shiloh	Cheryl Poyner
Hood's Grove	Betsy Hood	Smithfield First	Marie Odom
Jonesboro	Sue Tart	Steven's Chapel	Carolyn Howell
Kenly	Martha Daughtry	Trinity	Dorothy Tart
Lee's Chapel	Nora Jordan	Watkin's Chapel	Cathy Hocutt
Live Oak	Gail Cagle	White Oak	Jean Thompson
Bethesda	Kim Hopson	Wilson's Mills	Lorraine Lawson

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Assistant: Sue Etheridge
Acteen Director: Waynelle Davis
Assistant: Debbie Wall
Bapt. Young Women Director: Gayle Cagle
Assistant: Sylvia Whitley
Baptist Women Director: Shirley Byrd
Assistant: Eunice Hinnant
Mission Support Director: Mary Brown
Mission Action Director: Dot Nappier
Assistant: Lena Mercer
Enlistment/Enlargement Dir: Nettie Ricks
Centennial Chairperson: Jan Barry

Area Leaders:
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Area IV Linda Barefoot
Area V Lucille Peacock
Area VI Shirley Banks
Area VII Joan Parrish
Area VIII Jean Thompson

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Antioch Edith Megran
Baptist Center Nadine Wells
Baptist Tabernacle Faye Creech
Benson Pearl Creech
Benson Grove Mardy Benson
Bethany Barbara Batten
Bethesda Dorothy Ellis
Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Calvary - Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary - Selma Carolyn Wood
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Linda Dew
Clayton First Linda Atkinson
Clyde's Chapel Annette Adams
Crestwood Marie Odom
Faith Laura Ferrell
Four Oaks Julia Coats
Hephzibah Karen Evans
Hocutt Vickie Bowers
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.A. Wood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Lula Jolliff
Lee's Chapel Janie Johnson

Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro Ellaphair Stallings
Middlesex Hildred Wright
New Life Mary Jane Pryor
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
Oliver's Chapel Teresa Allen
Parrish Memorial Eunice Hinnant
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Ruby Thompson
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Shirley Byrd
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Brenda Mitchell
Selma Nettie Ricks
Sharon Karen Brown
Shiloh Mrs. Terry Monroe
Smithfield First Jan Barry
Steven's Chapel Melva Williams
Thanksgiving Margaret Creech
Trinity Mrs. Stephen Lee
Watkins's Chapel Waynelle Davis
White Oak Jean Thompson
Wilson's Mills Lynne Parker

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Acteens Director Waynelle Davis
Baptist Young Women Director Gail Cagle
Assis. Bapt. Young Women Dir Sylvia Whitley
Denise Cooke
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Assist. Baptist Women Director Eunice Hinnant
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Baptist Tabernacle Faye Creech
Benson Pearl Creech
Benson Grove Sherry Benson
Bethany Jewell Brown
Bethesda Dorothy Ellis
Beulah Gwen Deal
Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Calvary - Dunn Dorothy Johnson
DeesCalvary - Selma Fran Barton
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Linda Dew
Clayton First Linda Atkinson
Clyde's Chapel Annette Adams
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Crestwood Marie Odom
Faith Laura Ferrell
Hale's Chapel Ida Mae Barham
Hephzibah Karen Evans
Hocutt Memorial Selmadene Tart
Stevens's Chapel Ann Duncan
Trinity Jerry Johnson
White Oak Jean Thompson

Hood's Grover Mrs. W.A. Hood
Jonesboro Ora Mae Barefoot
Kenly Lula Jolliff
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro Claudia Parrish
Middlesex Mildred Daniel
New Life Bettye Gibson
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Edith
Parrish Memorial Eunice Hinnant
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Ruby Thompson
Pisgah Geradine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Ruth Glasby
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Linda Massey
Selma Nettie Ricks
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Smithfield First Jan Barry
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Watkin's Chapel Waynelle Davis
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Assist. Director Faye Creech
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Assist. Director Karen Evans
Baptist Women Director Shirley Byrd
Assist. Director Eunice Hinnant
Assist. Director Dorothy Driver
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Benson Grove Donna McGee
Bethany Barbara Batten
Bethesda Gail Kennedy
Beulah Katherine Lee
Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Calvary - Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary - Selma Alice Norris
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Linda Dew
Clayton First Linda Atkinson
Clyde's Chapel Doris Medlin
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Crestwood Marie Odom
Faith Dove Morris
Four Oaks Myrtle Johnson
Hale's Chapel Ginny Upchurch
Hephzibah Linda King
Hocutt Memorial Selmadene Tart
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.A. Hood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Paulette Hardie

Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro Claudia Parrish
Middlesex Mildred Daniels
New Life Jannet Parrish
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Edith Deese
Oliver's Grove Miranda McClean
Parrish Memorial Eunice Hinnant
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Ruby Thompson
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Ruth Glasby
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Fran Davis
Selma Nettie Ricks
Sharon Jackie Jones
Shiloh Barbara Penny
Smithfield First Jan Barry
Steven's Chapel Bonnie Starling
Trinity Mrs. Kenneth Lee
Watkin's Chapel Waynelle Davis
White Oak Jean Thompson
Wilson's Mills Lorraine Lawson

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Bethesda Gail Kennedy
Beulah Katherine Lee
Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Calvary, Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary, Selma Sheila Creech
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton First Linda Atkinson
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Crestwood Bobbie Killian
Faith Dove Morris
Four Oaks Myrtle Johnson
Hocutt Memorial Selmadene Tart
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.A. Hood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Paulette Hardie

Lee's Chapel Ethel Faison
Micro Claudia Parrish
New Life Betty Gibson
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oliver's Grove Miranda McLean
Parrish Memorial Eunice Hinnant
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Ruth Glasby
Princeton Jean Hinton
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Beulah Jerri Faircloth
Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Calvary Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary Selma Carol Hales
Carter's Chapel Angie Daniels
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton First Ramona Cash
Clyde's Chapel Margaret Creech
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Laura Ferrell
Four Oaks Lot Barbour
Hale's Chapel Carolyn Wall
Hephzibah Nancy Peedin
Hocutt Memorial Dee Worlds
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.A. Hood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Jo Kirby

Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro Marguerite Stevens
Middlesex Hildred Wright
New Life Elaine Boyette
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Peggy Wilson
North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oakdale Gayle Flowers
Oliver's Grove Sylvia Jones
Parrish Memorial Margaret Daughtry
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Wilma Jordan
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Mary Toole
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Trinity Amelia Lee
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Asst. BYW
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Bethany Barbara Batten
Bethesda Gail Kennedy
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Blackman's Grove Margaret Johnson
Burnell Mrs. Nelson Johnson
Calvary, Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary, Selma Carolyn Wood
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton, First Dianne Thompson
Clyde's Chapel Margaret Davis
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Dove Morris
Four Oaks Myrtle Lee
Hephzibah Nancy Peedin
Hocutt Memorial Selmadene Tart
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.A. Hood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Jo Kirby
Lee's Chapel Susan Alford

Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro Marguerite Stevens
Middlesex Hilred Wright
New Life Ann Arant
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Dolly Stallings
North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oliver's Grove Mable Blackmon
Parrish Memorial Eunice Hinnant
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Wilma Jordon
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Mary Toole
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Asst. Bapt. Women's Director Dorothy Driver
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Benson Grove Denise Byrd
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Bethesda Doris Simpson
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Blackman's Grove Lois Lee
Burnell Carolyn Futrell
Calvary, Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary, Selma Mary Coker
Carter's Chapel Deloris Sutton
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton, First Ramona Cash
Clyde's Chapel Margaret Davis
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Laura Ferrell
Four Oaks Lot Barbour
Hale's Chapel Carolyn Wall
Hephzibah Grace Worley
Hocutt Memorial Lois Carter
Hood's Grove Mrs. W.A. Hood
Jonesboro Ora Mae Barefoot
Kenly Mildred Hales
Lee's Chapel Betty Denton

Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro Marguerite Stevens
Middlesex Mildred Wright
New Life Elaine Boyette
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Peggy Wilson
North Smithfield Edith Dees
Oakdale Laura Norris
Oliver's Grove Pat Jackson
Parrish Memorial Margaret Daughtry
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Shirley Byrd
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Mary Toole
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Sharon Jackie Jones
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Smithfield First Judy Williams
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Thanksgiving Rebecca Wilder
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Watkin's Chapel Dorothy Driver
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Clyde's Chapel Margaret Davis
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Hale's Chapel Carolyn Wall
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Hocutt Memorial Lois Carter
Hood's Grove Betsy Hood
Jonesboro Ora Mae Barefoot
Kenly Mildred Hales
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Live Oak Susan Humphries
Middlesex Hilred Wright

New Life Jan Troyer
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Peggy Wilson
North Smithfield Edith Deese
Oakdale Laura Norris
Oliver's Grove Irene Jackson
Parrish Memorial Margaret Daughtry
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Maxine Jacobs
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Brenda Mitchell
Selma Jean Pearce
Sharon Jackie Jones
Shiloh Barbara Penny
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Thanksgiving Rebecca Wilder
Trinity Dorothy Tart
Watkin's Chapel Dorothy Driver
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Calvary Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary Selma Marie Byrd
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton First Ramona Cash
Clyde's Chapel Margaret Davis
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Janice Stevens
Four Oaks Lottie Barbour
Hale's Chapel Cynthia Beasley
Hephzibah Linda King
Hocutt Memorial Lois Carter
Hood's Grove Betsy Hood
Jonesboro Ora Barefoot
Kenly Martha Daughtry
Live Oak Gail Cagle

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New Life Vickie Duren
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Narvie Richards
Oakdale Brenda Agnor
Parrish Memorial Margaret Daughtry
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Gerladine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Maxine Jacobs
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Brenda Mitchell
Selma Jean Pearce
Sharon Ruby Creech
Shiloh Joy Coats
Smithfield First Marie Odom
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Trinity Dorothy Tart
Watkin's Chapel Cathy Hocutt
White Oak Jean Thompson
Wilson's Mills Lorraine Lawson
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan

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Asst. Acteens Consultant Ruth Hurley
Women on Mission Consultant Linda King
Asst. Women on Mission Cons. Shirley Byrd
Mission Consultant Hortense Wilkins
Mission Involvement Consult. Jackie Jones
Asst. Mission Involvement Connie Oliver
Growth Consultant Jan Barry

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Burnell Peggy Johnson
Calvary Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary Selma Marie Byrd
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton First Ramona Cash
Clyde's Chapel Margaret Davis
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Four Oaks Lottie Barbour
Hale's Chapel Cynthia Beasley
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Hood's Grove Betsy Hood
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Oakdale Brenda Agnor
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Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
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Corinth Shirley Congleton
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Hale's Chapel Cynthia Beasley
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Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton First Doris Grissom
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Ruth Howell
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Grace Debbie Bragg
Hale's Chapel Carolyn Wall
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Hocutt Memorial Lois Carter
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Oakdale Brenda Agnor
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Princeton Duane Haddock
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Thanksgiving Linda Hughes
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White Oak Jeanette Canady
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Area I Dorothy Creech
Area II Mary Brown
Area III Eunice W. Hinnant
Area IV Golda Pittman
Area V Dorothy Johnson
Area VI Shirley Banks
Area VII Ella Flowers
Area VIII Jackie Jones

Nominating Committee:

Jackie Jones
Kelly Dodd
Fran Davis

Church WMU Directors 1997-1998

Antioch Susanne Elmore
Baptist Center Judy Hardee
Baptist Tabernacle Faye Creech
Benson Miriam Rose
Benson Grove Brenda Blanchard
Bethany Jane Price
Bethesda Annette Woods
Beulah Lynn Faircloth
Blackman's Grove Pam Wood
Burnell Docie Kimball
Calvary, Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Calvary, Selma Marie Byrd
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Margaret Creech
Clayton First Linda Hester
Clyde's Chapel Denise Cooke
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Ruth Howell
Four Oaks First Lottie Lynn Barbour
Grace Dorothy Stephenson
Hale's Chapel Carolyn Wall
Hephzibah Michelle Langston
Hocutt Memorial Lois Carter
Hood's Grove Betsy Hood

Jonesboro Sue Tart
Kenly Jean Holland
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Live Oak Gail Cagle
Micro First Molly Parker
New Life Jan Culpepper
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Narvie Richards
Oliver's Grove Wendy Weaver
Parrish Memorial Mina Crocker
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Connie Oliver
Pisgah Nancy McDaniel
Pleasant Grove Maxine Jacobs
Princeton Duane Haddock
Sardis Fran Davis
Sharon Jackie Jones
Shiloh Nancy Ormandy
Smithfield First Jan Barry
Trinity Dorothy Tart
Watkin's Chapel Cathy Hocutt
White Oak Jeanette Canady
Wilson's Mills Misty Ranes

Johnston Baptist Association W.M.U. Leadership Team 1999-2000

Director Beebe Parker
Director Elect: Linda King
Communications Specialist: Ramona Cash
Women on Mission Consul. Shirley Byrd
Dorothy Driver
Acteen consultants: Kelly Dodd
Ruth Hurley
G.A. Consultants: Lisa Gainey
Bonnie Parrish
Mission Friends Consultant: Elgie Griffin
Stephanie Creech
Churchwide Mission Consultant Hortense Wilkins
Mission Involvement Consult. Jackie Jones
Fran Davis

Area Directors:
Group 1 Carol Wall
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Group 3 Eunice Hinnant
Group 4 Golda Pittman
Group 5 Dorothy Johnson
Group 6 Shirley Banks
Group 7 Ella Flowers
Group 8 Jackie Jones

Church WMU Directors 1998-1999

Antioch Susanne Elmore
Baptist Center Ms. Jodie Pascher
Baptist tabernacle Faye Creech
Benson Miriam Rose
Benson Grove Brenda Blanchard
Bethany Barbara Batten
Bethesda Mrs. Robbie Walters
Blackman's Grove Pam Wood
Calvary – Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Debbie Joyner
Clayton First Linda Hester
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Clyde's Chapel Margaret Davis
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Janice Stevens
Four Oaks First Shirley Banks
Hales Chapel Carolyn Wall
Hephzibah Michelle Langdon
Hocutt Memorial Marie Allen
Hood's Grove Betsy Hood
Jonesboro Sue Tart

Kenly Jean Holland
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Micro First Molly Parker
Newton Grove Lottie T. Bass
Noble's Chapel Becky Nichols
Oakdale Brenda Agnor
Parrish Memorial Mina Crocker
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Connie Oliver
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Maxine Jacobs
Princeton Duane Haddock
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Sardis Sylvia Whitley
Sharon Jackie Jones
Shiloh Betsy Langdon
Sims Jean Stone
Smithfield First Jan Barry
Steven's Chapel Denise Fox
Thanksgiving Rebecca Wilder
Trinity Dorothy Tart
Watkins Chapel Cathy Hocutt
White Oak Jeanette Canady
Wilson's Mills Misty Ranes

Johnston Baptist Association W.M.U. Leadership Team 2000-2001

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Director Elect Lois Carter
Growth Specialist Ramona Cash
Women on Mission Consul. Bonnie Parrish

Acteen Consultants: Kelly Dodd
Ruth Hurley
Deana Lee

G.A. Consultants: Cindy Massey
Ann Driver

Mission Friends Consultants: Elgie Griffin
Stephanie Creech

Churchwide Missions Consult: Beebe Parker
Mission Involvement Consult: Fran Davis

Area Directors:
Group 1 Judy Strickland
Group 2 Jean Holland
Group 3 Eunice Worley
Group 4 Golda Pittman
Group 5 Jenneal Ingram
Group 6 Shirley Banks
Group 7 Mina Leddic
Group 8 Jeanette Canady

Church WMU Directors 1999-2000

Antioch June Creech
Baptist Center Karen Lamm
Baptist Tabernacle Faye Creech
Benson Miriam Rose
Benson Grove Brenda Blanchard
Bethany Barbara Batten
Bethesda Robbie Walters
Beulah Lynn Faircloth
Blackman's Grove Pam Wood
Burnell Deborah Norris
Calvary - Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Clyde's Chapel Denise Cooke
Corinth Shirley Congleton
Faith Barbara Beasley
Four Oaks First Shirley Banks
Grace Dot Stevenson
Hales Chapel Cynthia Beasley
Hephzibah Michelle Langdon
Hood's Grove Betsy Wood
Jonesboro Sue Tart
Hocutt Memorial Marie Allen

Kenly Janie Holland
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Micro First Molly Parker
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Becky Nichols
North Smithfield Sonya Darnell
Parrish Memorial Mina Crocker
Pauline Mary A. Massey
Pine Level Connie Oliver
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Maxine Jacobs
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Sylvia Whitley
Selma Susan Hales
Sharon Ruby Creech
Shiloh Betsy Langdon
Sims Jean Stone
Smithfield First Jan Barry
Steven's Chapel Tanya Grice
Trinity Dorothy Tart
Watkins Chapel Dorothy Driver
Thanksgiving Pam Outlaw

Johnston Baptist Association Leadership Team 2001-2002

Director: Linda King
Director Elect: Lois Carter
Growth Specialist Conslt. Ramona Cash
Churchwide Mission Conslt. Beebe Parker
Mission Involvement Conslt. Fran Davis
Women on Missions Conslt. Bonnie Parrish
..... Joyce Creech
Acteens Consultant: Ruth Hurley
..... Deana Lee
G.A. Consultant Cindy Massey
..... Ann Driver

Mission Friend Consultant Elgie Griffin
Stephanie Creech

Area Directors:

Group 1 Judy Strickland

Group 2 Jean Holland

Group 3 Eunice Worley

Group 4 Golda Pittman

Group 5 Jenneal Ingram

Group 6 Shirley Banks

Group 7 Jewell House

Group 8 Jeanette Candy

Church WMU Directors 2000-2001

Antioch	June Creech
Baptist Center	Karen Lamm
Baptist Tabernacle	Faye Creech
Benson	Miriam Roe
Benson Grove	Pat Hudson
Bethany	Barbara Batten
Bethesda	Terrie Hewett
Beulah	Rachel Starling
Blackman's Grove	Pam Wood
Burnell	Deborah Norris
Calvary – Dunn	Dorothy Johnson
Carter's Chapel	Mary Brown
Cedar Grove	Peggy Earp
Clayton First	Linda Hester
Clyde's Chapel	Jacqueline Davis
Corinth	Doris Douglas
Faith	Janice Stevens
Four Oaks	Shirley Banks
Grace	Nancy Ormandy
Hale's Chapel	Cynthia Beasley
Hephzibah	Michelle Langdon
Hocutt Memorial	Debbie Carlyle
Hood's Grove	Betsy Hood
Jonesboro	Sue Tart
White Oak	Jeanette Canady

Kenly	.....	Janie Holland
Lee's Chapel	.....	Nora Jordan
Micro First	.....	Debbie Peele
Middlesex	.....	Bessie Walston
New Life	.....	Janet True
Newton Grove	.....	Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel	.....	Becky Nichols
North Smithfield	.....	Sonya Darnell
Parrish Memorial	.....	Mina Crocker
Pauline	.....	Mary Ann Massey
Pine Level	.....	Connie Oliver
Pisgah	.....	Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove	.....	Shirley Byrd
Princeton	.....	Jean Hinton
Sardis	.....	Sylvia Whitley
Selma	.....	Susan Hales
Sharon	.....	Ruby Creech
Shiloh	.....	Betsy Langdon
Sims	.....	Jean Stone
Smithfield First	.....	Jan Barry
Steven's Chapel	.....	Tonya Grice
Thanksgiving	.....	Pam Outlaw
Trinity	.....	Dorothy Tart
Watkin's Chapel	.....	Dorothy Driver
Wilson's Mills	.....	Rosalie Clark

Leadership Team 2002-2003

Director: Lois Carter
Director Elect: Louise Wall
Growth Specialist: Ramona Cash
Churchwide Missions: Beebe Parker
Missions Involvement: Fran Davis
Women on Mission Consult. Bonnie Parrish
..... Joyce Creech
Acteen Consultant: Deana Lee
..... Robin Little
G.A./Children in Action Sharon Hinton
Mission Friend Consultant: Barbara Jo Godwin
..... Tracy Brooks

Area Directors:

Group I Judy Strickland
Group II Margaret Boyles
Group III Brenda Mitchell
Group IV Golda Pittman
Group V Jenneal Ingram
Group VI Shirley Banks
Group VII Jewell House
Group VIII Celia Whitley

Church WMU Directors 2001-2002

Antioch Edith McGraw
Baptist Center Leigh Elsey
Baptist Tabernacle Faye Creech
Benson Miriam Rose
Benson Grove Pat Hudson
Bethany Barbara Batten
Bethesda Terrie Hewett
Beulah Rachel Starling
Blackman's Grove Pam Wood
Burnell Deborah Norris
Calvary – Dunn Dorothy Johnson
Carter's Chapel Mary Brown
Cedar Grove Peggy Earp
Clayton First Judy Nappier
Clyde's Chapel Jacqueline Davis
Corinth Doris Douglas
Faith Janice Stevens
Four Oaks First Shirley Banks
Grace Amanda Furr
Hale's Chapel Lorrie Gay
Hephzibah Linda King
Hocutt Memorial Debbie Carlyle
Hood's Grove Betsy Hood
Jonesboro Carolyn Tart
Kenly Margaret Boyles
Lee's Chapel Nora Jordan
Micro First Louise Wall
Middlesex Bessie Walston
New Life Janet True
Newton Grove Lottie Bass
Noble's Chapel Peggy Raper
North Smithfield Sonya Darnell
Oakdale Brenda Agnor
Parrish Memorial Margaret Daughtry
Pauline Eunice Weeks
Pine Level Beebe Parker
Pisgah Geraldine Murphy
Pleasant Grove Shirley Byrd
Princeton Jean Hinton
Sardis Sylvia Whitley
Sharon Ruby Creech
Shiloh Debra Barbour
Sims Jean Stone
Smithfield First Leslie Stanfield
Steven's Chapel Tonya Grice
Thanksgiving Pam Outlaw
Trinity Dorothy Tart
Watkin's Chapel Bonnie Parrish
White Oak Lisa Smith
Wilson's Mills Angie Watkins

Johnston Baptist Associational WMU Mitchiner Scholarship

The Johnston Baptist Associational WMU Mitchiner Scholarship shall be awarded to an outstanding senior (boy or girl) in the Baptist churches of the Johnston Association. The investments of the JBA Associational WMU Mitchiner Scholarship Endowment Fund shall provide the scholarship monies. Scholarship amount will depend on funds available. The scholarship committee shall be composed of the JBA WMU director, director elect, and two other members from the leadership team. Each administration shall appoint these members to serve for a term of two years. The Director of Missions shall be an ex officio member of this committee. Should a vacancy occur the director shall fill the vacancy. The committee shall be responsible for planning and executing the scholarship contest.

APPLICATION RULES

1. Applicant must be a member of a church in the Johnston Baptist Association.
2. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. Applicant must use the official application form from the JBA office.
4. The scholarship is to be used at a community college or four year college or university in the state of North Carolina.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED:

1. Application form.
2. Recent photograph.
3. A personal letter as to why a student desires to continue their education, the student's future plans and why financial aid is necessary.
4. Letter of recommendation from either the school principal, guidance counselor or a teacher.
5. Letter of recommendation from your pastor.
6. Letter of recommendation from your WMU director.
7. High School transcript with grades through the first semester of senior year, complete SAT scores, class rank and number of students in class and grade point average weighted and unweighted.
8. A list of extra curricular activities, honors, community activities and work experience.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Each of the following categories of criteria will be given a value of up to 20% in computing judges' decision. (The highest total of percentage points would indicate the winner.)

1. Character—based on written recommendations and personal interview by judges.
2. Scholastic Record – based on school records.
3. Demonstration of ambition and leadership – based on record of participation in church, school, and community activities.
4. Potential to succeed – based on personal letter, extra curricular activities and response to judges' questions.
5. Financial need.

Adopted May 24, 2003

PROPOSED BYLAWS
Associational Woman's Missionary Union
Auxiliary to Johnston Baptist Association

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Johnston Baptist Association.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston Baptist Association shall be to help the churches of the Association to fulfill their mission by inspiring, informing, and training the local WMU leadership and providing leadership for special mission projects of the churches, and to provide and interpret information regarding the work of the Baptist denomination.

Article III. Relationships

- Section 1.** **The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Johnston Baptist Association, shall be the liaison organization between the church organization and the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina.**
- Section 2.** **This Associational Union shall recognize the autonomy of the church organization as provided in the Baptist democratic process of operation.**
- Section 3.** **Church organizations shall be recognized as units through which the purpose of this Woman's Missionary Union is accomplished, each responsible for its own program, and contributing to the work of the Association.**
- Section 4.** **This associational union shall be guided in its plan of work by the Associational WMU guide and any other literature of the Woman's Missionary Union.**

Article IV. Members

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union organizations in the church and missions of the Johnston Baptist Association shall constitute the membership.

Article V. Officers

- Section 1.** **The officers shall be WMU Director, WMU Director Elect/Secretary, Women on Mission Consultant, WMU Churchwide Missions Consultant, Mission Involvement Consultant, Area Directors Coordinator, Acteens/Youth on Missions Consultant, Girls in Action/Children in Action Consultant, Mission Friends Consultant, Assistants, Area Directors, and others as needed.**

Section 2. The officers shall be elected annually at the Annual meeting of the Associational WMU and shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting and shall hold office for two years and may be re-elected.

Section 3. If a vacancy occurs in any of these offices, the Associational WMU Leadership Team shall determine the manner in which the duties shall be discharged for the unexpired term.

Section 4. These officers shall perform the duties set out for them in the Bylaws, the *WMU Yearbook*, and the *WMU in Your Association* manual and shall be responsible for guiding the total program.

Article VI. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The Nominating Committee, composed of three (3) women, shall be appointed by the WMU Director and shall serve two years and may be re-elected.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall submit nominations for election of all officers to be elected at the Annual meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

Article VII. Meetings

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the spring and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers, age level rallies/retreats and committees, and providing an inspirational mission emphasis.

Article VIII. WMU Leadership Team

Section 1. The Leadership Team shall be composed of elected officers.

Section 2. The Leadership Team shall schedule the regular meetings of the organization Plan, coordinate and evaluate the program of activities, hear reports, check progress on the objectives and goals, and attend to matters of business between meetings of the Associational Woman's Missionary Union.

Section 3. The Leadership Team shall meet four times a year, and additional meetings may be called by the Director as needed.

Article IX. Committees

Section 1. There shall be two standing committees: the Nominating Committee, which will consist of three women from the Leadership Team and the Budget Committee which will consist of the Director, Director Elect and two other members of the Leadership Team.

Section 2. Other committees as needed, shall be appointed by the Director.

Section 3. The Director shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Article X. Finances

Section 1: The financial year shall be from October 1 through September 30.

Section 2: The WMU Budget Committee shall present a proposed budget to the Associational Leadership Team by May 1 who will recommend the budget to the Associational Budget Committee, for approval by the General Board of the Johnston Baptist Association in June. The total JBA budget shall be presented at the Associational Annual Meeting in October for approval.

Article XI. Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-third vote at the Annual meeting of the Johnston Baptist Association WMU, after having been approved by the Associational Leadership Team.

**100th Anniversary Narration
Johnston Baptist Association Annual Meeting
Selma Baptist Church
October 21, 2003**

WMU—100 Years Old in Johnston County! This historic moment took place on November 30, 1903, right here in Selma at the Selma Baptist Church. It was 4:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon when (a man) Brother C. W. Blanchard encouraged a WMU to be organized. All of this followed three days of organizing the Johnston County Baptist Association.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Richmond, Virginia, in 1888, after the suggestion of (a man) Rev. H. A. Tupper, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. You see, he recognized and was firmly convinced that there were large possibilities in the organization of women's societies to promote the work of missions.

In Proverbs 29:18 we read, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." Because of the vision of these two and others, organized work among missionary societies of North Carolina was started as early as 1877.

The history of the Johnston Baptist WMU presents a remarkable record of achievement during its first seventy years. These years are recorded in this book by historian Mrs. Leata Allen Barnes of Clayton, now deceased.

With three Charter Societies—Selma, Smithfield, and Clayton, the WMU launched forth in a program of enlistment, mission study, and mission giving. Having been elected Vice-President of the Woman's Central Committee (as WMU was first called), Mrs. Ashley Horne of Clayton courageously assumed responsibility. The first annual meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, November 10, 1904, at 2:00 o'clock in the Methodist Church of Clayton, while the Johnston County Baptist Association was meeting in the Baptist church in Clayton. Our churches were not large enough to accommodate both groups in 1904.

By the 4th annual meeting new societies had joined: Benson, Mount Moriah, Clyde's Chapel, Baptist Center, Four Oaks, Lee's Chapel, Wilson's Mills, Micro and Pisgah. The fifth and first separate meeting was held in Clayton, October 28, 1908. A separate meeting gave more time to review and plan work; provided a more comfortable meeting place and larger attendance. By 1912 twenty-one societies (as we were called then) had been organized and Mrs. C. W. Carter was the Vice-President.

From 1916-1930, the WMU of Johnston County was under the splendid leadership of Mrs. B. A. Hocutt. "Miss Lucile" as so many of us fondly remember, believed in reporting work well done. The accomplishments of the Union during her term of office for fourteen years would fill a volume. Some new topics heard during her term of office were: reporting, quarterly meetings, Seasons of Prayer—State, Home, Foreign missions, systematic giving by use of envelopes, mission study classes, traveling mission books library, leadership training, mission literature, calendar of prayer, circle, Ruby Campaign, Baptist World Alliance, Tithers, and World War I. Due to a change in the State WMU Commission, Mrs. Hocutt's title became Superintendent of WMU not Vice-President.

During the depression years, 1931-1936, Mrs. George E. Lovell, who came to Johnston from the Kings' Mountain Association where she had been an active Sunbeam Leader, proved herself an invaluable asset to Johnston Baptist WMU. Mrs. Lovell's husband was moderator of the Johnston Baptist Association at the same time she was Superintendent of the WMU. This husband-wife leadership has not happened before or since in the history of Johnston Baptist Association.

At each annual meeting young people were in charge of the afternoon program and great was their contribution. By 1935, missionary education of young people in all churches was being supervised by fourteen Sunbeams, four R.A., fourteen G.A. and six YWA leaders. This outstanding period of activities was curtailed by an epidemic of Infantile Paralysis.

During the annual meeting in 1936 at Mount Moriah evidence of Mrs. Lovell's talents was seen. A song for Sunbeams Anniversary written by her, was sung by Mrs. Henry Earp, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Baucom. A playlet, "Alice in Sunbeam Land" also written by her, was presented by Smithfield Sunbeams, Mrs. J. H. Wiggs and Mrs. O. E. Maynard, leaders.

Celebration continued as the WMU observed the Golden Jubilee Year 1938 under the leadership of Mrs. D. B. Oliver. Three hundred girls observed the 25th anniversary of G.A.'s with a banquet at "The Hut" in Smithfield. The G. A. Parade of Progress was good! Miss Annie Myatt, Mission Study Chairman, was very active, and was later recognized for attending fifty WMU annual asociational meetings.

During the years of World War II, Mrs. W.A. Weston and Mrs. J. E. Wilder served as superintendents. Again a World War had changed our lives and women had not "sat under the apple tree" and waited. They had gone to the factories and to other businesses and were contributing much to the welfare of our country, but we had not neglected our mission program. Some outstanding facts deserve to be mentioned. In 1949 Johnston led the state in the number of new societies. It was the beginning of associational leaders for each junior organization. The four District Leaders that came into being in 1927 to organize and foster new societies became five Group Leaders.

The word—improvement—describes Mrs. H. E. Mitchiner's term of office from 1951-1955. There were many A-1 societies, effective conferences, Seasons of Prayer and special offerings. During that period the suggestion from Southern Baptist and the North Carolina Conventions was that R.A.'s be sponsored by laymen.

Mrs. Mitchner's husband passed away in 1955. In his memory she gave \$1,000 to the association to be used as a student loan fund. This money had been wisely invested and handled by Mrs. F. E. Allen of Clayton, Chairman of the committee. In 1999, Ramona Cash, Evelyn Garris and Beebe Parker, the new scholarship committee, asked Mr. Frank Holding, through the Robert P. Holding Foundation, to match the funds we had and help us start an endowment. As the WMU Mitchner Scholarship Fund is added to and grows, income from the fund will be used to give scholarships to Baptist students in our association.

Mrs. Mitchner, known as Dale, served the association as a missionary in 1955-1956. Later she returned to Georgia and in a letter from her dated October 31, 1969, she told of Stephen Law, an Indonesian student at Emory University whom she was educating to be a doctor. Johnston Baptist Association WMU sent a gift of \$100 to assist her in that worthy project.

Under the leadership of Mrs. H. O. Lanning, 1956-1960, three hundred women, lunch in hand, studied Moslems and Indians at the first association-wide Mission Study Class at Pine Level. Results of that event were: 196 classes, 2,056 attending, 2,023 persons read one or more mission study books, and gifts to missions totaled \$8,128.55. In 1958, Johnston WMU gifts reached \$10,000. After a missionary spoke on China and Thailand, Mrs. Lanning grieved that no Johnstonian was serving on ‘foreign soil’ and she pleaded that pastors and laymen help us enlist the unlisted.

From 1961-1972, Mrs. Doc R. Oliver, Mrs. William Barnes, Mrs. C. W. Warrick, Mrs. George Bunn and Mrs. L. R. Stanley, lead the Johnston Baptist Association WMU in years of continuing change. It was the 75th anniversary of the organization. A gift of \$110 was sent to Charles Wiggs, a native Johnstonian, the first missionary from Johnson County, who served as Business Administrator of the Wallace Memorial Hospital at Pusan, Korea—truly foreign soil. Mr. Wiggs challenged the Johnston WMU to send a lay representative to Korea to view our mission work “first hand” and to be a guest in the Wiggs home. Each WMU was given the opportunity to nominate a person and contribute financially. A committee selected Mrs. Loleta Powell (the Iris lady) of Princeton. Mrs. Powell visited the Wiggs family, observed mission work in Pusan and other points in Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, Hawaii and San Francisco. On her return, she reported to each church, upon invitation, giving a memorable program. This was the first time our associational WMU had sent an “Ambassador” to the foreign field.

In the first seventy of one hundred years that we celebrate tonight, thirteen consecrated women of the Johnston Baptist Association WMU have led its women and children in study, in prayer, and in giving. During this time only one person from our association had represented us as a foreign missionary. In the last thirty years we have had six appointed by the International Mission Board and one couple appointed by the North American Mission Board. At the 1983 WMU Annual Meeting, the WMU offering was given to Kelton Hinton, another young Johnstonian, to buy a guitar for his work in Togo as a part of the BSU Ministries from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. We know the rest of the story—Kelton, Lauri, Caleb and Zackery were missionaries to Benin, Africa. Now he is our Director of Missions in the Johnston Baptist Association. How fortunate we are to have him as our leader. The others are Jamie Letcher, Corinth Baptist Church—to Armenia; Jerry and Jo Meeks, Carter’s Chapel Baptist Church—to Equatorial Guinea; Mike and Pam Osment, Selma Baptist Church—to Taiwan; Patrick Moore, Clayton First Baptist—Journeyman to South Africa and has remained; Debbie Simmons, daughter of Charles and Bonnie Wiggs—Journeyman to Japan; and Roger and Shirley Carlson, Blackmon’s Grove Baptist Church—to Western North Carolina.

Tonight each church will receive the history of the last thirty years compiled by the WMU Centennial Anniversary Committee: Louise Wall, Chairperson, Jan Barry, Mary Brown, Ramona Cash, Beebe Parker and Hortense Wilkins. This committee found many changes in the last thirty years. One of the major changes has been in organizational structure. Age-levels are very similar to those in public school, which the Sunday school also adopted. Leaders became Directors; Circles became groups with Facilitators; BYW and BW became Women on Missions; YWA's are Acteens; G.S.'s are still Girls in Actions; and Sunbeams became Mission Friends. New groups are Adults on Missions, Youth on Missions and Children in Action. Though many changes have been made in the structure of WMU our purpose remains the same: to pray for and give to missions, do missions, learn about missions, develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle, and participate in the work of the church and the denomination.

During the last thirty years we have grown from 2,330 WMU members in 1972 to 2,899 members in 2002. Our Association is divided into eight areas with Area Leaders. The WMU Leadership Team meets quarterly and once a year trains all associational WMU church leaders. Eleven directors have led the WMU Association in the last thirty years. Mrs. R. W. Moore and Mrs. Doc Oliver are deceased, but the rest are with us tonight. When I call your name please stand:

Agnes Stanley, Jan Barry, Jean Hinton, Marguerite Stevens, Jackie Jones, Ramona Cash, Beebe Parker, Linda King and Lois Carter.

Some major accomplishments during this time have been: Age-Level Rallies, Spiritual Renewal Retreats, International Mission/Lottie Moon Offering, North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Focus on WMU Week, Missions Extravaganza/Annual WMU meeting at Ridgecrest, World Day of Prayer/Offering to the Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Migrant Dental and Baby Health Kits, and Christmas Red Box for women inmates at North Carolina Correctional Institute and Raleigh Correctional Center. The past five years we have given \$30,000 for the North Carolina WMU Campaign: to help renovate Mundo Vista, a facility owned and operated by North Carolina WMU, where more than 60,000 girls have experienced God, and with facility improvements and expansion, year-round camping and retreats are now being offered; to help start a Christian Woman's Job Corp, a ministry of WMU that offers the opportunity to touch the lives of countless women and their children in transition from welfare dependency to financial independence; and to help create an endowment base for WMU ministries that will support our vision for the future. Our mission involvement has included promoting social issues in PROJECT HELP, World Hunger, Aids, Child Advocacy, Violence and Restoration. We are currently involved in helping start a Christian Counseling Center in Johnston County.

Many changes have occurred that allow our local church members to participate in volunteer mission work in Johnston County, North Carolina, the United States and on foreign soil. In the last five years, volunteer participation has increased from 1,546 volunteers per year to 2,782. Within those numbers we have jumped from 104 to 483 volunteers going overseas per year. Partnerships with New York, Alaska, West Virginia, South Africa, Brazil and others have provided excellent opportunities for missions involvement. Not only in our association, but in our WMU we continue to follow the advice of Fannie E.S. Heck, the first president of the North Carolina WMU who said, "Listen to His voice and follow where Christ leads." What a Heritage!

